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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

During the first sixty years of its history, our institution served the people of our State under two separate names: The Louisiana State Normal School, from its founding in 1884 until 1921; and The Louisiana State Normal College, from 1921 until 1944. In the general election in November, 1944, the voters of Louisiana approved the third name of our institution—The Northwestern State College of Louisiana, under which we have just begun our third period of expansion.

The noble tradition of our College, though an intangible value, is nevertheless highly important. The tradition is, of course, indissolubly mingled with the names under which the institution has operated. To mention a name is to recall a service rendered. The word Normal, to all informed people of our State, suggests more than half a century of invaluable service to the cause of public education. The public schools of Louisiana—in organization, administration, curricula, personnel, and procedure—have the name of *Normal* indelibly impressed upon them. Whenever and wherever the roll of Louisiana educators is called, a vast concourse of Normalite answers will be heard. The record of Normal stands: we stand upon that record.

But social conditions inevitably change, particularly in times of national and international crisis. New demands are made upon all our institutions. Since the public is dependent upon our colleges for competent leadership in all social enterprises, alert college officials are ever sensitive to changing social conditions. Educational leaders must early recognize any new status of affairs and must act accordingly. Since intelligent leadership can come only from the colleges and universities, progress is either misdirected or held in abeyance until educators are trained to point the way.

Despite our sentimental attachment to our historic past, including the name of our institution, we cheerfully accept the new condition with which we are faced. Our functions as an educational institution have already changed materially, and we must assume many others. The rapid mechanization of agriculture, now obviously upon us, calls for radical changes in that important division of our educational effort. Constantly growing industrialization

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of our region is also confidently to be expected. Unless we are to import men and women to fill the important industrial positions as they become available, our colleges must train our youthful citizens for that work. We must, therefore, expand our vocational services to meet the demands as they arise.

To keep pace with our greatly expanding services to the State, we have found it necessary to change the name of our College. For over a decade we have not been purely a *Normal* college, but many of our citizens have thought we were. Naturally we wish to correct that general misapprehension. Last November the voters of Louisiana gave us the opportunity. Our institution is now Northwestern State College of Louisiana. We resolve, of course, to continue and to improve our program of teacher-education. All are agreed that our efforts in that direction shall be unremitting. With our two laboratory schools, our excellent equipment, our competent and experienced faculty, and our fine tradition, we are well prepared to render the highest type of service in the training of teachers. At the same time our College is zealously committed to the task of providing thorough training in the arts and sciences and in the vocations.

What's in a name? Consult our annual catalog and see what Northwestern State means to prospective students. It means teacher-training of the highest order in all subject-matter fields; it means thorough education in all of the arts and sciences; it means adequate preparation for earning a living in numerous specific vocations. We intend to be a genuine service institution. Both the administration and the faculty are eager to learn the needs of our State. Once convinced that particular services are required, Northwestern State College is resolved to supply them. Our alumni and friends can render valuable service to the young people of Louisiana by apprising them of this fact. Send them to Northwestern State. We will do for them everything that Normal ever did—and more.

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LEROY S. MILLER, Editor

CLARENCE E. DUGDALE, Associate Editor

With Our Recent Graduates

(Crowded out of last issue for lack of space)

Spring Class '44

Claire Alexander of Natchitoches is employed by the Maritime Commission in New Orleans as a member of the office personnel.

George Antie of Rosa, a returned veteran who graduated in Agriculture-Science, is employed at Ethyl Corporation, Baton Rouge, La., as a laboratory assistant. His address is Rt. 1, Box 84, Baker, La.

Joyce Baxley of Plaquemine is teaching social studies in the DeQuincy High School.

Mrs. Marguerite Kendrick Brewer of Haynesville is employed in the elementary department of the Vivian High School.

Alice Sue Brown of Shreveport is working for The Shreveport *Journal* as a reporter.

Mavis Cade of Sulphur is teaching home economics in the Vinton High School.

Mrs. Hope Grissom Cryar of Shreveport is employed as Librarian in the Pelican High School.

Helen Louise Dupree of Shreveport is employed in the accounting department of the Tri-State Transit Company of Shreveport.

Frances Ann Gibson of Montgomery is directing the physical education program in the Vinton High School after having worked in Washington, D.C., during the summer.

Mrs. Will A. Elliott, whose home is Sunny Hill, is employed as assistant to the Dean of Women here at the College.

Wilhelmina Elston of Shreveport is in charge of the home economics department of the Belcher High School.

Nadyne Fargerson of Longstreet is employed in the English-Speech department of the DeQuincy High School.

Lenora Jane Flores of Pelican is teaching the art of home-making in the Waterproof High School.

Thomas Elmo Hill, Jr., of Mansfield went into the Navy immediately after graduation.

Helen Holland, whose home is in DeRidder, is teaching home economics at Oberlin High School.

Sara Frances Johnson of Natchitoches is employed in the Book Store of the College.

Mrs. Luella Davis Jones of Coushatta was employed in Florida during the summer but has returned to Red River Parish, where she is now located.

Elizabeth Rose Kinchen of Watson is teaching home economics in her home parish of Livingston.

Melba Law of Vivian is employed as office worker in Shreveport.

Virginia Lecte of Pineville is employed as a bookkeeper by Guaranty Bank and Trust Co. of Alexandria.

Catherine Loftin of Rodessa is in charge of the home economics department of the Sarepta High School.

Virginia Loomis of Clayton, a physical education major, is working in her home parish of Concordia.

Marian Geraldine Love of Grayson is teaching commerce in the DeQuincy High School.

Miss Olivia Louise McAlpin of Port Arthur, Texas, a graduate in home economics, is working in her home city of Port Arthur, where she is teaching home economics in the Port Arthur High School.

Mildred McCan of Effie is teaching commerce in the newly established department at Longville High School.

Susan Frances McCuller of Mansfield is teaching English-Social Studies in the Pleasant Hill High School.

Charlotte Elizabeth MacCurdy of Alexandria, a home economics major, is working in her native city of Alexandria.

Nevvah Jean Simmons of Shreveport, a graduate of the Spanish department, is teaching friend husband, Charles Durham, how to speak Spanish.

Ruth Monger of Welsh is employed in the English department of the Fenton High School.

Marjorie Henry (Peggy) Montegut of LaPlace is working in her home parish at Leon Godchaux High School in Reserve.

Maxwynne Moore of Shreveport is employed by the Shell Oil Company, Torrance, California, and is living at 1461 Locust, Long Beach, California.

Julia Pace of Natchitoches is attending Louisiana State University, where she is working toward her Master's Degree.

Winifred Lurene Roan of Long Leaf is physical education director in the Lecompte High School.

Willie Dee Rush of Alexandria is employed in the home economics department of Tioga High School.

Helen Shaw of Jamestown was employed in Washington, D. C., until just recently, when she returned to the campus as a worker in the office of Dr. J. S. Kyser for the remainder of this semester.

Edith Slaydon of DeRidder is teaching in the primary department of the LaGrange High School in Lake Charles.

Albert Paul Subat of New Orleans, who has been in

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1944 FOOTBALL SQUAD



Front Row, left to right: Andrew Kasparian, Detroit, Mich., Back; A. L. Longhi, Plymouth, Mass., Back; C. R. Parrish, Pekin, Ill., Back; Sidney Cook, Robeline, Guard; Coldwell Daniels, New Orleans, Guard; J. P. Mlady, Rhinlander, Wis., Back; Robert Neel, Oklahoma City, Okla., Back; A. W. Bunker, Savannah, Ga., Center; E. H. Stone, Woodruff, S. C., Center; R. B. McElvain, Bushnell, Ill., Back.

Second Row: H. H. Billy, McKeesport, Pa., Back; Randall Kirkland, Oak Grove, Back; Norman Hermann, Pittsburgh, Pa., back; Billy Riehl, Tsaneck, N. J., Back; Fred H. Balthazor, Momence, Ill., Guard; S. Nagy, Chicago, Ill., Guard; R. E. Stutts, Rockingham, N. C., Guard; L. E. McCune, Jr., San Gabriel, Calif., End; L. W. Sibley, Natchitoches, Back; J. K. Torrey, Wesleyville, Pa., End; Roy Wright, Glen Ellyn, Ill., End; Wilfred Cummings, Bossier City, End; Denver Loupe, Gonzales, Back; C. L. Keenan, Greensburg, Pa., Guard.

Third Row: L. J. Wilkins, Coach; Art Reeher (Captain), Sharon, Pa., Back; H. J. Doolin, Chicago, Ill., Tackle; I. E. Marx, Menasha, Wis., End; Jimmie Addington, Clarence, Back; E. W. Barrish, Chicago, Ill., Back; W. M. Garvey, Lockport, Ill., Back; Kenneth Murphy, Natchitoches, Back; Gerald Watkins, Natchitoches, Center; L. C. Hagman (Co-Captain), Racine, Wis., Back; Eugene Brown, Madison, Kan., Guard; Jim Koshel, Cour d'Alene, Idaho, End; Lester Klaas, Belvidere, Ill., End; B. B. Boyd (Coach); Harry H. Turpin (Head Coach).

Fourth Row: D. H. Erdevig, Palestine, Ill., Tackle; R. W. Sweeney, West Union, W. Va., Center; A. F. Jones, Winnsboro, S. C., Tackle; J. W. Milutis, Waterbury, Conn., Tackle; Roland Garrett, Pelican, End; Donald Rogers, Natchitoches, Center; Perry Angle, (Co-Captain), Shreveport, Back; Carroll Webb, Robeline, Tackle; Jack Butler, Alexandria, End; C. R. Wozniak, Niles, Mich., End; William H. Davis, Colfax, Center.

Determined to have a football team last fall, Coach Turpin started practice in early September with 9 civilians reporting. Of these, only three had had any previous football experience. His squad was later augmented by other civilians and Navy trainees, until it finally reached the proportions pictured above just prior to the first game of the season.

While none of the squad had previous college competitive experience, they were intent on becoming the best football team possible in the length of time available for getting in shape. Whatever was lacking in experience was compensated for by the splendid attitude and hard playing these men ex-

hibited. The scores of the games played speak for themselves; and although the number listed in the win column is very small, Coach Turpin was well pleased with the fighting spirit displayed by the team, and the College had football again. Games played and scores are listed below:

September 23—Demons, 20; Marine Sea Raiders, 6, at New Orleans.

September 30—Demons, 14; 7th Armored Inf. Bat., 0, at Natchitoches.

October 7—Demons, 7; Selman Field, 20, at Natchitoches.

October 21—Demons, 7; Southwestern, 19, at Lafayette.
October 28—Demons, 7; Louisiana Tech, 20, at Natchitoches.

November 11—Demons, 0; Louisiana Tech, 0, at Ruston.
November 18—Demons vs. Selman Field: Called off; flooded field at Monroe.

November 25—Demons, 6; Southwestern, 7, at Natchitoches.

Twenty-six members of the Demon squad were awarded letters by the Athletic Council. The list of lettermen included 16 enrollees in the Navy V-5 refresher unit and 10 civilian players. Instead of the regulation sweater awarded in previous years, the lettermen this year received blankets with the "N" insignia. The Navy enrollees receiving letters are: A. W. Bunger, F. H. Balthazor, L. C. Hagman, A. F. Jones, J. P. Mlady, R. W. Neel, W. D. Riehl, E. H. Stone, R. E. Stutts, A. P. Reeher, R. W. Sweeney, Lester Klass, C. R. Parrish, E. I. Marx, J. W. Milutis, and Norman Hermann. The civilians receiving letters are: Kenneth Murphy, L. W. Sibley, D. A. Rogers, Denver Loupe, Jack Butler, Perry Angle, Randal Kirkland, Wilfred Cummings, Coldwell Daniels, and Carroll Webb.

Of the 10 civilians awarded letters only four will return next year; these are Kirkland, Sibley, Murphy, and Rogers. Perry Angle is the only letterman who will graduate this year at Northwestern. This means that Coach Turpin will have to mould a new team in 1945 around a nucleus of 4 lettermen.

With Our Recent Graduates

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service some time, was awarded a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Arts and Science in absentia.

Carogene White of Jena is teaching commerce in the Ragley High School.

Mrs. Eloise Frances Hanson Whittlesey of Shreveport is teaching in the English department of the Bossier City High School.

Summer Class '44

Mrs. Birdie Thompson Alexander of Varnado is teaching in the primary department of the Varnado High School.

Mrs. Lester W. Beck, Bentley, is teaching in the primary grades in the Bently School.

Mrs. Janie Cutrer Blake of Many is teaching in the upper elementary grades in the Many High School.

Luther A. Bodie is teaching in the Houma High School of his home town.

Mrs. Lou Ella F. Brown, Napoleonville, is teaching French and Spanish in the Gillis High School.

Miss Bertha Elizabeth Bulteman of Many has the position of Librarian in the Oakdale High School.

Mrs. Zelma Fox Cates from Converse is employed by the upper elementary department of the Zwolle High School.

Miss Virginia Ann Davis, Alexandria, is directing social studies courses in the Tioga High School.

Miss Grace D. Dietz of Lake Charles is teaching in the upper elementary grades in the DeQuincy High School.

Miss Marjorie Louise Dowden, Bossier City, has a place in the speech department of the Arcadia High School.

Mrs. Elvera Martinez Ebarb, Noble, is an upper elementary teacher of the Noble High School.

Miss Ruby N. Elkins of Minden is teaching the students in the primary grades of the Maplewood School.

Mrs. Theodora S. Fitzpatrick of Mecker is teaching primary work in the Lecompte High School.

Miss Hazel Fore is employed as a primary teacher in the DeQuincy High School.

Miss Doris L. Freeman, Oberlin, is a social studies instructor in the Elm Grove High School.

Miss Maria Garza Larumbe of Mexico City has gone back to her native country to teach in the upper elementary grades.

Mrs. Maurice Gates, Dodson, is teaching upper elementary work in her home town.

Miss Stella Mae Granier of St. James is an upper elementary teacher in the St. James High School.

Mrs. Edna Connell Hamiter of Shreveport is teaching in the primary grades in the Many High School.

Mrs. Mabel Fletcher Harrison is teaching in the English department of her home town High School, Verda.

Miss Rita Kathryn Henry from Athens is employed in the social studies department of the Haynesville High School.

Miss Esther Maurine Holtsclaw of Shreveport is a primary teacher in one of the schools of that city.

Mrs. Lillian Zackary Horton, Vivian, is employed as an upper elementary teacher there.

Edwin Hugh House, Jr., is residing in St. Joseph at the present time.

Miss Thelma Mae Houston of Sarepta is in the upper elementary department of the Longville High School.

Miss Betty Helen Kilgore of Plain Dealing is employed as an upper elementary teacher in the DeRidder High School.

Miss Grace Florence King of West Monroe is employed by a newspaper firm in Lake Charles.

Miss Mary Jeanette LaFleur, Oakdale, is teaching in the primary grades of the Longville High School.

Miss Vivian Marjorie Langley, Lake Charles, is teaching French in the Jennings High School.

Miss Doris Mae LeBlanc, Vivian, is a social studies teacher in the College of the Sacred Heart at Grand Coteau.

Mrs. Hattie C. Parson McFerrin is an upper elementary teacher in her home town high school, Pleasant Hill.

Miss Viola Marie McMillan, Iota, is a primary teacher in the high school of that town.

Mrs. Elsie Lorene Routon of Harrisonburg is an upper elementary teacher in the Harrisonburg High School.

Miss Grace T. Sanson is another upper elementary teacher employed by her home town high school in Harrisonburg.

Miss Mary Poynter Schwing is on her home town high school faculty as a social studies instructor.

Miss Ruth Sisk, Gilbert, is a primary teacher employed in her home town high school.

Mrs. Elvie Eagleton Skipper is residing here in Natchitoches.

Mrs. Flossie Petty Snell, Fisher, is a primary teacher there.

Mrs. Wealthy Clarke Thomas of St. Joseph is teaching in the upper elementary grades there.

Mrs. Hubert A. Thompson of Vivian is on the Ida High School faculty as a primary teacher.

Miss Marjorie Claire Collier, Campti, accepted a teaching position in the upper elementary grades in Port Arthur, Texas.

Miss Iris Collenn Woods is employed in her home town, Pineville.

Miss Myrtice Maxine Woods, Shreveport, is employed as a primary teacher in that city.

Summer Class '44

Miss Eva Joycelyn Bell is residing in her hometown, Campti.

Miss Alice Arnetta Collier, Oakdale, is employed in the commerce department of the DeRidder High School.

Miss Dorothy Gale DeLoache from Keatchie is employed by Arkansas-Louisiana Gas company in Shreveport.

Robert F. Gholson is residing at his home in Homer, Louisiana.

Miss Kathleen Gregg, Campti, is directing the commerce department in the Tioga High School.

Mrs. Estelle R. Hays is on the Natchitoches High School faculty here in her home town.

William Roy Johnson, Hineston, is a mathematics instructor in the Poland High School.

Miss Fay Law from Fisher is the home economics teacher in the Florien High School.

Mrs. Thelma A. Barnes McCann is a commerce teacher in her home town, Provencal.

Miss Irma Rita Mayeux, Cottonport, is a music teacher employed by the Plaquemine High School.

Miss Wanda Mitchell is located in her home town of Lake Charles.

Miss Sybil Ogden, Mer Rouge, is a commerce instructor in the Ouachita Parish High School.

Lawrence Screven Pinckard, Jr., of Colfax, is now located in Heidelberg, Mississippi.

Miss Billie B. Pullig, Ashland, accepted a position with a commercial concern near her home town.

Miss Jacquelyn Slater of Robeline is now located in Shreveport.

Miss Lyn Willow Slawson of Mansfield is teaching commerce in the DeRidder High School.

Miss Benita Guinell West of Leesville returned to her home town after graduation, where, according to latest information, she is still living.

Fall Class '44

Miss Alice Blackman, Natchitoches, is employed in the home economics department of the Montgomery High School.

Miss Doris Ford of Oakdale is teaching in the Gilbert High School.

Miss Josie Lucille Hall, Benton, is doing clerical work in Shreveport.

H. G. Hawthorne, Jr., Pelican, is now in the United States Navy stationed at San Diego, Calif.

Miss Evelyn Horn, Many, is now employed by the library of her home town.

Miss Adele Knight of Boyce is teaching in the Logansport High School for the remainder of the year.

Miss Rose Marie McMullan is now teaching home economics in the Homer High School. Her home is Corsicana, Texas.

Mrs. Helen Faye Busbice Patterson of Eros is now working in Shreveport.

Miss Virginia Rayner, Alexandria, is now a member of the Kentwood High School faculty.

Miss Nell B. Roberts of Shreveport returned to her home after graduation.

Hanna Sterkx of Alexandria is working for the Natchitoches Lumber Yard on a part-time basis and doing some additional work at the College in special fields.

Miss Ruth Janette Threatt, Magnolia, Arkansas, is now a social studies instructor and librarian of the Pelican High School.

Miss Doris Lanell Wilson of Calvin is employed by the Calvin High School.

Miss Clara Grace Stanley of Leesville is a home economics teacher on the Longstreet High School faculty.

Cupid's Doings



Capt. and Mrs. John Woodyard

Pictured above is the Christening of John Baker Woodyard, II, at Post Chapel No. 1, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho, on November 6, 1944. He is the son of Captain and Mrs. John Baker Woodyard, the former Miss Elizabeth (Bettye) Nelken, and was born on September 28, 1944. The maternal grandparents are Prof. and Mrs. S. W. Nelken of Natchitoches, and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Woodyard, also of Natchitoches.

Captain Woodyard served overseas throughout the African Campaign from El Alemein until the Germans were driven out of Africa, bombing and strafing them all the way. Since returning to the States, he has been stationed at Boise, where he is in charge of Engineering and Maintenance of Aircraft.

—N.S.C.—

Mr. and Mrs. Elsie Hansford White of Vivian announce the marriage of their daughter, Nellie Murdock White, to Sgt. Bert Kesler Lee, Jr., of Hope, Arkansas, at their home on January 21. The bride received her degree from the College, and the groom was a student here at the time he entered service. Sgt. Lee has been on foreign duty for the past three years, and, after his furlough, will return to duty in the Pacific area.

—N.S.C.—

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Abington of Grand Cane have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Alma McClain Abington, to T-Sgt. Julian E. Bobbitt, son

of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bobbitt of Mooringsport, on January 6. Both were formerly students at the College, and Mrs. Bobbitt has been working in the supply depot at Selman Field while Sgt. Bobbitt has just returned from service with the Air Force in England, where he completed thirty missions over enemy territory and was awarded the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster. After a visit to Grand Cane and Mooringsport, the young couple returned to Miami Beach, where Sgt. Bobbitt will await reassignment.

—N.S.C.—

Miss Lulie Taylor Nabors, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bachman Nabors of Mansfield, and Lieut. Perry E. Brunk, U.S.N.R., son of Dr. and Mrs. Andrew S. Brunk of Detroit, Michigan, were married in December.

—N.S.C.—

Miss Maxine Bell, daughter of the late James E. Bell and Mrs. Lillian Shackelford Bell, became the bride of Captain Donald H. Rieger, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rieger, Youngstown, Ohio, in the Chapel of the Holmstead Army Air Field, Miami, Florida, on January 18. Captain and Mrs. Rieger will make their home in Miami, where he is an instructor in the Army Air Corps.

—N.S.C.—

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Hartley Conerly of Shreveport have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Mable Olynn Conerly, to Pvt. Keith W. Bertiaux, U. S.

Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bertiaux of State College, Penna., at the First Baptist Church in Shreveport on December 9.

—N.S.C.—

Miss Elizabeth Burford, daughter of John G. Burford of Gloster and the late Mrs. Effie Hall Burford, became the bride of Lieut. John Dady, Jr., son of Judge and Mrs. Ralph J. Dady, of Waukegan, Illinois, on October 26, at the First Baptist Church in Baton Rouge. They are at home at 2537 Broussard Street, Baton Rouge, La.

—N.S.C.—

Miss Mabel Lancaster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar H. Lancaster of Tallulah, and Cpl. Harry W. Plake of Pittsburgh, Pa., were married at the plantation home of the bride's parents near Tallulah on December 2. The bride is a teacher of English at the Wisner High School. The groom was recently discharged from the Army after two years' service in the Aleutian Islands. The couple will move to Pittsburgh, where Cpl. Plake will resume his former position.

—N.S.C.—

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald S. Manning of Calhoun have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Geraldine Manning, to Earl A. Hoodemaker, U. S. Navy, son of Mrs. Robert C. King, Paw Paw, Michigan, and E. O. Hoodemaker, Kalamazoo, Michigan, at the First M. E. Church, Natchitoches, on January 13. After a short wedding trip, the bride and groom returned to Natchitoches, where the bride is a senior at the College and the groom is in the Navy School.

—N.S.C.—

Captain W. P. Carlyon of the Army Air Force, Sedalia Army Air Field, Warrensburg, Missouri, and Miss Nadine Mot-singer were married on October 27, 1944.

—N.S.C.—

Miss Betty Jo Overton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Overton of Parkersburg, West Virginia, and Lt. Ellis A. Wallenberg, son of Mrs. J. O. Spillman, Cloutierville, were married on December 23 in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Washington, D. C. The bride enlisted in the WAVES one year ago, and Lt. Wallenberg, who was a senior at the College at the time he entered service, is stationed at Dover, Delaware, where he is an instructor in the Army Air Corps.

—N.S.C.—

Miss Judith Anita Tomlinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tomlinson of Natchitoches, and S/Sgt. William Dudley Ballard, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ballard of Pleasant Hill, were married De-

cember 24, at Frostproof, Florida. The bride is a government food inspector for the Army and Navy at Frostproof. The groom entered service in 1942 and spent 18 months overseas, during which time he was interned in Switzerland, but recently returned to the States.

—N.S.C.—

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McGarrahan of Many announce the wedding of their daughter, Miss Louise McGarrahan, to S Sgt. Willard W. Smith of Robeline on January 9. The bride is a member of the Zwolle High School Faculty, and the groom has been serving overseas as a gunner with the 9th Air Force.

—N.S.C.—

Miss Enid Mary Barclay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Barclay of Bournemouth, England, was married to Captain Robert James Sudbury, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Sudbury of Natchitoches, on January 10 at Cleveland, Ohio. The bride formerly lived in Glasgow, Scotland, and it required almost two years to get her passport to the United States. Captain Sudbury had served with the Electronics division in Scotland and England with the R. A. F. Since his return to the States in 1943, he has been attached to the Army Air Corps at Orlando, Florida, where the young couple now reside.

—N.S.C.—

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Daniels of Mooringsport have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Doris Daniels, to Walter Barlow Cates on October 18. The couple are now living at 1390 Live Oak Street, Beaumont, Texas.

—N.S.C.—

Mrs. Eola Roark and Mr. J. A. Wafer were recently married in the Davis Springs M. E. Church, Fairview-Alpha. Mrs. Roark was escorted and given in marriage by her two sons, Lt. Vernon Roark of the U. S. Army Air Corps and A/S Stuart Roark, U. S. N. R.

—N.S.C.—

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Wallace of Shreveport announce the marriage of their niece, Miss Alice Lee Swain, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lee Swain, to Pvt. Melvin George Winberg, AAF, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Winberg of Brockton, Mass. The ceremony was performed November 5 in the Unitarian Church, West Bridgewater, Massachusetts, a suburb of Brockton, where the family of the groom has always lived. The bride was a former teacher in the elementary schools and at Byrd High School in Shreveport. The groom has just returned from thirty months' service in Italy and was at a rest camp near Atlantic City, N. J., awaiting re-assignment.

—N.S.C.—

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gamaliel Lawton of Natchitoches have announced the wedding of their daughter, Miss Martha Sue Lawton, to Edmond Prudhomme Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hughes, at the home of the bride's parents on January 8.



Sgt. and Mrs. Abe M. Rhodes

Sgt. and Mrs. Abe M. Rhodes, just after the wedding ceremony in Northern Ireland on September 1, 1944. Sgt. Rhodes graduated in 1940, and was a member of the Student Council, Sigma Tau Gamma, and Pi Omega Pi, while a student in College. He is the son of Mrs. A. L. Rhodes, Sr., of Waterproof. Mrs. Abe Rhodes is the former Miss Nancy Thompson of Ireland, where she is presently living with her family and waiting for Abe to help finish the job in France and Germany so that he may return and bring her back to the United States, which will be her future home.

Sgt. Rhodes entered service in May, 1942, and was sent to Fort Jackson, S. C., and assigned to the 118th Infantry Regiment, which is his present outfit. He spent fifteen months in Iceland before being transferred to England and Ireland. It was while in Ireland that he met and won the lovely Irish lassie who became his bride.

—N.S.C.—

Miss Helen Louise Dupree, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dupree of Shreveport, and Benjamin Franklin De Loache, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. De Loache of Keatchie, were married February 9 at the First Baptist Church, Shreveport. The bride's grandfather, Dr. M. E. Dodd, officiated at the wedding.

—N.S.C.—

Miss Em Gehlen Willis, daughter of Mrs. Joseph Bath of Natchitoches, became the bride of William Bernard Knipmeyer, S 1 c, U. S. Navy, son of Dr. and Mrs. William W. Knipmeyer, Natchitoches, on January 4 at the Church of The Immaculate Conception. The bride was a student at the College at the time of the wedding.

—N.S.C.—

The wedding of Miss Dorothy Will, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Will of Chicago, Illinois, to Chief Specialist Mack B. Maxwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Maxwell of Shreveport, was solemnized in Chicago on September 8. The groom,

Chief Specialist Maxwell, better known on the campus as "Buddy," is stationed at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, where he is athletic instructor in the Navy.

—N.S.C.—

The double ring ceremony of the wedding of Miss Mary Spence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Spence, 3864 Dilg League Drive, Shreveport, and Captain W. H. Evans, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Evans of Salem, Oregon, was solemnized Saturday, October 14, in Barksdale Chapel, Barksdale Field, Louisiana. The couple are now residing in Shreveport.

—N.S.C.—

Miss Marjorie Louise Butler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore Butler of Bunkie, Louisiana, was wed recently to Harry Ledsinger Harwood, son of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Norton Harwood, Sr., of Morristown, Tennessee, at the home of the bride's parents. The bride was secretary to the American Red Cross field director at DeRidder Army Air Base. The groom is assistant field director for the American Red Cross. The couple will be at home in Tullahoma, Tenn., where Mr. Harwood is stationed at Camp Forrest.

—N.S.C.—

Miss Margaret Iwilla Bossier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Bossier of Winnfield, and Sgt. Billie Fred Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hamilton of Dubach, were married at 6 o'clock, Sunday, February 4, in a double ring ceremony at the home of the bride's parents. The groom is now stationed at Camp Beauregard.

—N.S.C.—

Miss DeLaney Catherine Brown, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. D. T. Brown of Shreveport, and Pvt. Robert Clifford Long, son of Mrs. S. E. Long of Battle Creek, Michigan, were married February 7.

Mrs. Long is a graduate of Northwestern State, where she was a member of Pi Omega Pi.

Pvt. Long of the U. S. Army Air Corps is stationed at Stinson Field, Texas, and Mrs. Long is living with her parents at 740 Hope Street while she is employed by the Silas Mason company.

—N.S.C.—

Miss Mary Virginia Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Johnson of Strong, Arkansas, and Wallace B. Sumners, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Sumners, also of Strong, were married at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Ritchie in Smackover on August 30 in a double ring ceremony.

Mrs. Sumners is a graduate of this College and has served on the Springhill, La., High School faculty.

Mr. Sumners has just returned from twenty-seven months of service in the Army Air Corps.

—N.S.C.—

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hampton of Shreveport was the setting for the recent wedding of Miss Evora

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With Our Men and Women in Service



Lt. W. D. (Billy) Baucum

Lt. William D. Baucum has returned to active duty after having spent six months in a hospital in England. He was seriously wounded in France shortly after D-day while driving the Jerries back from a frontline sector. After being given emergency treatment, he started walking back three miles to the nearest first-aid station when he got caught in an artillery barrage. As he stated in a letter: "One of those shells hit close by and knocked me for a loop . . . Some soldier came by in a jeep and took me back. It took more than three hours to reach the aid station."

Billy stated that the doctors and nurses do a wonderful job with modern medical science. Many lives are being saved that otherwise would be lost.

Lt. Baucum was Captain of the football team in 1935, and was a member of the basketball, football, and track teams during his four years here at the College. He received his commission at Fort Benning, Ga., and went overseas in the early spring of '44. He was stationed in England until D-day, when he went to France, where he was wounded in action.

As we go to press, we have received word that Baucum has just been wounded again in Germany and is now stationed in a hospital in France. It is gratifying to know that his last wound is not as serious as the preceding one.

—N.S.C.—

Lt. (j.g.) Eustace L. Edwards, USNR, of Many, Louisiana, has two Jap planes destroyed and numerous ground targets damaged to his credit in the Philippine campaign now going on. While leading a division of fighting planes on patrol near the escort carrier on which he was based, Edwards encountered an enemy plane diving on a convoy. In spite of the barrage of anti-aircraft fire sent up, he dived and shot the Jap plane down. Pre-

viously, he led a raid against the Lin-gayen Field and destroyed a twin-engine enemy plane on the field. He also flew six missions over enemy targets, rocketing and strafing enemy positions.

—N.S.C.—

Major James H. (Jack) Flores is Chief Disbursing Officer at Red River Ordnance Plant, Texarkana, Texas. He was assigned to this station after returning to the States from the European and African theater, where he was stationed for about three years.

—N.S.C.—

S Sgt. James M. Kelly is a B-24 tail turret gunner in a B-24 Bomber Group that has been awarded the Distinguished Unit Badge for the precision bombing of Bad Voslau ME 109 fighter plane factory, which had just begun production and was the pride of Hermann Goering. His group has flown over 100 missions reaching from the southern coast of France to the Black Sea. He has also been awarded the Air Medal and four Oak Leaf Clusters.

—N.S.C.—



**Frank H. McCuller
William L. McCuller**

Pictured above are the McCuller twins, William L. and Frank H., sons of Dr. and Mrs. D. C. McCuller of Bossier City. These two brothers enlisted July 27, 1942, were given consecutive serial numbers, and went to Camp Callan, California, for their basic training. They were both then transferred to Pittsburgh, California, before being sent overseas to the Pacific theater of operations in April, 1943. Both boys are Corporals and have the same address and APO number, having been together the entire time since entering service together. They were inseparable throughout their elementary, high school, and college life.



Donald E. Fuelhart, S 1 c (Q.M.)

Donald E. Fuelhart, Jr., S 1 c (Q.M.), was killed in action in the Southwest Pacific on December 20, 1944, according to a telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Fuelhart, from the War Department on December 21, 1944. Don, as he is familiarly known, enlisted in V-1, USNR, in Nashville, Tenn., on December 12, 1942, and returned to Texas A. & M., where he was a student at the time. In February, 1943, he entered the College here and remained in school until called to active duty as a V-1 trainee at The University of Texas on July 2, 1943. He received his boot training at Great Lakes Training Station, beginning January 2, 1944, before being transferred to Quartermaster school at Bainbridge, Maryland, a work which he continued at Boston and Melville, R. I. Promoted to S 1 c (Q.M.), he was transferred to Shoemaker, California, on October 10 and went to sea on October 24. His parents received a letter from him in New Guinea about November 20, which was the last information received until the telegram from the War Department arrived on December 21.

—N.S.C.—

According to a news release in October, Sgt. Leonard B. (Buddy) Beard was awarded the Bronze Star in Italy for rescuing men from a burning area with complete disregard for his own life during a night bombing raid. Buddy has been overseas for the past thirty-three months, and has gone through the African Campaign, Sicilian Campaign, and Italian Campaign. He made the landing on the Anzio Beachhead and then moved up front when that sector was finally consolidated with the British and American forces. Buddy claims to be the "Champion Frog Catcher" on Cane River Lake and Sabine River.

Major Willie O. Jackson, commander of a P-51 Mustang squadron, has been promoted to the rank of Lt. Colonel. W. O. has several enemy planes to his credit. He led his squadron in escorting heavy bombers on the first three-day shuttle bombing mission out of England to Russia, to Italy, and thence back to England. He has recently been awarded a second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Flying Cross and also wears the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

—N.S.C.—

Pfc. William B. Pullen visited his mother, Mrs. J. F. Pullen of Natchitoches, in early December while on leave from his station at Camp Butler, North Carolina. Billy's father, the late J. F. (Truly) Pullen, was a veteran of World War I and Chairman of Local Board No. 1, Selective Service, in Natchitoches, at the time of his death on September 19, 1941.

—N.S.C.—

Lt. Robert A. Palmer has arrived at Miami Beach, Florida, for assignment after returning from ETO, where he flew 31 missions over Europe as a B-24 Navigator. He has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Purple Heart. He is the son of Mrs. John C. Palmer, 114 Robinson Place, Shreveport, formerly of Natchitoches.

—N.S.C.—

Tech. Sergeant Melvin A. Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Bradley of Sarepta, is reported "missing in action" since January 9, according to a telegram received by his wife, Mrs. Adera June Bradley. He went overseas in November, 1944, and was with the 42nd Rainbow Division. Bradley was president of the Senior Class in 1939. Before entering service he was employed at Mobile, Alabama.

—N.S.C.—



Sgt. T. C. Francis

Sgt. T. C. Francis, pictured above, is stationed in the Philippines, where he has been since early in January of this

year. He entered service in 1941 and was stationed at Spartanburg, South Carolina. In March, 1942, he was sent overseas for service in Australia, New Guinea, and Dutch East Indies before being transferred to his present station.

—N.S.C.—



Pfc. Ross O. Bridewell

Pfc. Ross O. Bridewell, 38500344, Dispensary, Hq. 3d AFPD, Plant Park, Tampa, Florida, has had a most colorful experience. Leaving the College to enter the Navy V-5 program, he was determined to wear the Wings of Gold. He did his flying in the Ozarks of Arkansas and went on throughout the various schools in rapid succession; but, as he explains it: "My love for flying them 'hot' was my downfall. When I flew an SnJ (Navy Advanced Trainer) into the ground and suffered too many broken bones to be able to fly any more, I was given a medical discharge. I could not get used to being a civilian while all my buddies were in, so I finally 'finagled' my way into the Army. It was no surprise when I found myself in the Army Air Corps. Because of my pre-med. work I was assigned to the Medics and here I expect to sweat it out."

—N.S.C.—

Sgt. John R. Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Cole, Winnfield, has been awarded the Air Medal. Sgt. Cole is a tail gunner in a Flying Fortress operating over the enemy territory in Europe.

—N.S.C.—

WAVE Evelyn Clio Moore has completed training as a Navy weather observer at the Aerographers School of the Naval Air Station at Lakehurst, New Jersey. She enlisted in the Navy last August.

—N.S.C.—

According to a recent release from an Eighth Air Force Bomber Station in England, Sgt. John S. Pickett, Jr., has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in bombing attacks on military and industrial targets in Germany, and upon

enemy defense installations in the path of advancing Allied armies in Western Europe. He is a top turret gunner and engineer on a B-17. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Pickett of Many, and entered service in June, 1943, immediately after graduation from the College.

—N.S.C.—

Major Edward D. Black, whose wife, the former Virginia Johnson, and two small daughters, Genie and Sue Terry, live at 354 Albany Avenue, Shreveport, has just returned home for two months' additional training. Major Black has been operations officer for a B-26 squadron in the south Pacific for the past fifteen months. Prior to going overseas, he was on anti-submarine patrol on the Atlantic seaboard. He received his commission in the Air Corps at Kelly Field on August 15, 1941, and at the present time holds the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf clusters and was recently awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Black of Natchitoches.

—N.S.C.—

Ensign Bob Murphy Jordan spent two weeks' leave in Natchitoches in October after completing his work at Pensacola, Florida. He has just recently gone overseas from the west coast, having been transferred to Hawaii, where he awaits further assignment. He is in the Navy Air Corps.

—N.S.C.—



Roland F. Hussey, Jr., RT 3 c

Roland F. Hussey, Jr., RT 3 c, is stationed in Co. 15, Sec. 1, Section 143, NTS, Navy Pier, Chicago, Illinois. He is the son of Dr. Priscilla B. Hussey, member of the Science faculty here at the College. Roland entered the Navy in January, 1944, and was sent to Great Lakes for boot training before being assigned to Hugh Manly School for Radio Technicians. He was then transferred to Naval Training Station, Gulfport, Miss., where he remained until August, 1944, at which time he was assigned to his present station at Navy Pier.



Lt. J. S. LeBlanc

Lt. John S. LeBlanc, B-17 Bombadier, has been decorated with the fifth Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal, after having flown about 300,000 miles in hammering Nazi objectives, according to a release from 8th AAF Hq. in England. His unit, the 401st Bombardment Group, was awarded the Presidential citation for work over Oschersleben in January. On a mission to Munster, a piece of flak crashed through the nose of LeBlanc's bomber and struck the right hand machine gun, barely missing his head. Seven Messerschmitt 109's jumped his fortress over Merseberg but were driven off by friendly fighters before they could inflict much damage, other than cutting the gasoline line to one engine. Over Bohlen his plane got 40 flak holes, and once, over Cologne, his 'Fort was so badly damaged that it was necessary for him to leave formation and return to England unescorted.

J. S., as he is familiarly known, has just returned to the States and is in Los Angeles for a visit with his wife. Incidentally, he is making the acquaintance of his seven-month-old daughter, Mary Margaret, whom he has just seen for the first time. His sister, Lt. (j.g.) Jessie LeBlanc, stationed in Pensacola, met him in Los Angeles for a visit at their home on 2515 Fourth Avenue.

—N.S.C.—

First Sergeant Joe Miciotto is now serving with the renowned 82nd Airborne Division overseas in the European theater. He has been overseas for more than two years. Before entering service three years ago, he was employed by the United Gas Pipe Line Co., during vacation, and was a student at the College, where he was a member of the football squad. His brother, Gus, is stationed in Italy with the Infantry.

—N.S.C.—

Captain Sam Scurria visited the campus recently while on his way from Florida to Lincoln, Nebraska, where he expects to be assigned to further duty. Sam has been a flying instructor.

Captain Tandy E. Jackson was recently awarded the Bronze Star by Commanding General McBride for outstanding bravery under fire in France. His Captaincy was awarded him soon after he was decorated. As a First Lieutenant in charge of a command accompanied by two tanks, he was assigned the duty of clearing the enemy from buildings on a hill in the vicinity of Berne Michellin, France, which he did, killing a number of the enemy and capturing 39 prisoners.

Captain Jackson is the husband of the former Kathleen Brown, who, with her young son, resides in Coushatta.

—N.S.C.—

First Lieutenant Clinton D. Garrett, Jr., son of Clinton D. Garrett, Sr., of Rodessa, recently arrived at the AAF redistribution center at Miami Beach, Florida, for reassignment after completing a tour of duty as pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress in the European theater of operations. Lt. Garrett was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for meritorious service during 35 bombing missions.

—N.S.C.—

First Lieutenant James P. Lawney has been assigned to duty as an instructor pilot in the B-24 transition school at Kirtland Field after returning from the CBI theater, where he has been flying the "Hump" and making bombing attacks in China, Burma, and India. He wears the DFC and Air Medal with one Oak Leaf cluster on each.

—N.S.C.—

S/Sgt. Geo. S. McKenzie is with the Ninth Air Force somewhere in France. He entered service on February 16, 1943, at Camp Livingston, was promoted to Pfc. in March, Corporal in September, Sergeant in March, 1944, and Staff-Sergeant in October, 1944. He was authorized to wear the ETO ribbon in June, 1943, and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal in May, 1944.

—N.S.C.—

T/Sgt. James Ellis Pilcher, Flight Engineer on a Bomber, was "killed in action" on November 26, in the European Theater, according to a telegram received from the War Department by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Pilcher of Zwolle. S/Sgt. Pilcher and his twin brother, Charles Elmer, resigned from College and entered service November 4, 1940. They received their basic training at Barksdale Field. These brothers served together until they were sent overseas, where they were separated for the first time in their lives. Sgt. Ellis was sent to England, and Sgt. Elmer was sent to Italy, where he has completed his missions and is awaiting his turn to come back to the States. Sgt. Pilcher has two others brothers in service: Ens. Louis Pilcher, U. S. Navy; and MoMM3/c Grover C. Pilcher at Pearl Harbor. His father is a veteran of World War I.

—N.S.C.—

Ensign Nathan Durham, USNR, is stationed at U. S. N. Amphibious Train-

ing Base, Ft. Pierce, Florida, according to the latest news from him. He entered the Navy on July 1, 1943, and was commissioned in September, 1944, at Cornell University. He stated in his last letter that Ensigns H. B. Burley, E. H. Gilson, and Fay Perkins were also at Ft. Pierce.

—N.S.C.—

Lt. Norman T. ("Fuzzy") Cox received his commission and Navigator's Wings at Selman Field, Monroe, on November 25. He visited the campus on his way to Lincoln Nebraska, where he will be assigned to further duty.

—N.S.C.—

Coast Guardsman J. H. Jones was on leave in early December, when he visited in Boyce. He had just returned from Africa and England. While in England he met Agatha Christie, a writer of some note, and was invited to visit in her home.

—N.S.C.—

Major Clyde Woods (B.S. '39) has recently returned to the States and is now stationed at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif., where he is in command of the 1st Training Battalion, 2nd Training Regiment. He was married last June to Miss Margaret Maureen Macaulay of Honolulu, Oahu, T. H. Miss Macaulay is the daughter of Mrs. John Macaulay and the granddaughter of Maj. Gen. Eli A. Helmick. They spent their leave with Major Wood's parents in Paris, Texas, before going to Oceanside.

—N.S.C.—



Major Horace Bamburg

Major Horace Bamburg, accompanied by his wife, the former Peggy Myers, was a recent visitor on the campus, before going to Yuma Air Base, Yuma, Arizona, where he is now stationed. Major Bamburg returned from the ETO just recently. In describing one of his most thrilling experiences just before returning to the States, he stated that he parachuted from a burning P-47 fighter plane traveling better than 300 miles per hour when only 150 feet above the ground. His body hurtled along in a flat arc, and he hit the ground some 50 yards ahead of where the plane crashed. He escaped with a back injury and a few abrasions.

Pvt. Harvell Pierce is stationed at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. His wife, the former Dorothy Bell, and son, Robert, are living in Oceanside.

—N.S.C.—

Cpl. Homer H. Roberts is with the 2514th AAF Base Unit, Section C-2, Laughlin Field, Del Rio, Texas. He entered service on August 14, 1942, was sent to Keesler Field, Miss., in September, and to Los Angeles in October, where he attended sheet metal school. He was then transferred to Kelly Field, Texas, and to his present location in April, 1943, where he is a sheet metal worker on B-26 Medium Bombers. For some reason, Cpl. Roberts doesn't like Texas.

—N.S.C.—

According to most recent information, T.Sgt. Champ Bass Tyrone is with the Engineers of an Aviation Regiment, stationed somewhere in France. Champ has been overseas for more than a year.

—N.S.C.—

James P. Morris of the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve is an Army Primary Instructor (Civilian Status) at the W & B Flying School in Chickasha, Oklahoma. He enlisted in July, 1942, at Barksdale Field, completed Primary, Secondary, Cross Country Link Instrument and Secondary Instructors Course in CPT, and completed Central Instructors Course at Randolph Field, Texas, before being assigned to his present duties. He married Miss Mary Elizabeth Palmer of Many.

—N.S.C.—

L. C. Lee ('29) is a Chief Petty Officer stationed in the Navy Recruiting Center at Greenville, Mississippi. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy in July, 1942. He and Mrs. Lee, the former Helen Cain, now have an adopted son, Jimmie, age ten months.

—N.S.C.—



Cpl. Clement Sparks

Cpl. Clement Sparks died of wounds received in action on June 8, 1944. He was a member of the Parachute Infantry

that made the initial landings in France on "D" Day. Cpl. Sparks entered the service with the Parachute Infantry on April 27, 1942, and was assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia, for training. After completing the rigorous training given paratroopers, he was assigned to Alliance, Nebraska. Clement was sent overseas to England in November, 1943, where he was stationed until he took part in the invasion of France on June 6, 1944. He is the son of Mr. Thomas T. Sparks of Robeline. Cpl. Sparks has three brothers in service: Ens. Hoyt Sparks, now stationed in Brazil; Aviation Cadet Glenn Sparks at Iowa City, Iowa; and Gillis Sparks, PhM2 c, who has just returned to the States after 22 months' service overseas, and is now stationed at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. A sister, Miss Shawnee Sparks, is employed as clerk-typist by Selective Service Local Board No. 1 in Natchitoches.

—N.S.C.—

Sgt. Maurice F. Price is with an Airborne Squadron somewhere in Hawaii at the present time. He states that even with his frequent change of address, the *Alumni Column* has always reached him sooner or later, and that he is eagerly looking forward to the next issue.

—N.S.C.—

Gordon Baker is now a flight instructor at the Municipal Airport in Alexandria. He had his first flight training here at the College. His young son, Gordon, Jr., is now 15 months old.

—N.S.C.—

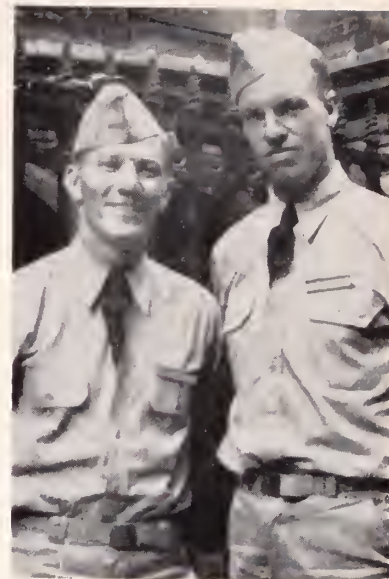
Lt. Charles J. Greene, USNR, visited the campus this week while on leave from his ship operating in the Pacific Area. He stated that during the last ten months, since his assignment to the Pacific, he has made trips to New Guinea, Guam, Eniwetok, Pearl Harbor, etc., and that on a recent trip Lt. (j.g.) Billie Sowers, a former student, was with him. Before being assigned to the Pacific area, he served in the European theater for two years and participated in the African and Sicilian invasions.

—N.S.C.—

Lt. David A. Bramlett, whose outfit is now somewhere in Germany, has recently rejoined his unit after spending some time in a hospital recuperating from his fourth wound. Lt. Bramlett entered service in June, 1941, and after serving in the African and European areas, has already received the following citations: Six major campaign stars, Silver Star and 1 Cluster, Bronze Star, Purple Heart and 1 Cluster, Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Infantry Badge. In his last letter, he stated that he had a brief rest and visited Liege and Brussels, but that he was very busy again and had very little time for writing.

—N.S.C.—

Pfc. James H. Love, U. S. Marines, is stationed in the Marianas group in the Pacific area. He has been in the Pacific area for the past twenty months and is hoping for a furlough back to the States some time during 1945.



Theophile Scott and Edwin McDermott

Edwin McDermott and Theophile Scott met in the big city, and what a confab they held. McDermott, on the right, is a Gunner's Mate in the Navy and saw plenty of action in the Leyte operation and the battle in Suragao Straits, where his outfit sank a Japanese battleship.

Scott, on the left, is in the Marines in the Pacific area. While making a stop at an island recently, Theophile asked a charcoal brunette native to climb a cocoanut tree and get him a cocoanut; no savvy. He tried the sign language and pulled out a dime; no savvy. He then pulled out a nickel, pointing to the top of the tree, rubbed his stomach, and pointed to his mouth; result, he got his cocoanut, plus a stomach ache.

McDermott and Scott were both members of the football and track teams while students at the College.

—N.S.C.—

Lt. (j.g.) Charles M. Meadows, USNR, has been stationed in the southwest Pacific area since June, 1944. He is in charge of a Malaria Control Unit. His wife, the former Helen Cavendar, and their eighteen month old daughter reside at 3220 12th Street, Port Arthur, Texas, where Mrs. Meadows teaches in the Junior High School. Lt. Meadows was commissioned Lt. (j.g.) in March, 1944.

—N.S.C.—

Lt. Carl Benton, 62nd R.O.C., Co. G, Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia, says the Marine Corps does not give a fellow much free time, but he really enjoys it. Tommy Bambrick and "Tobe" Eason, who were stationed with him at Quantico, left there on January 17, having completed their work, for a furlough in Louisiana. Benton, Bambrick, and Eason all played on the same football team together here in 1942, when they were L. I. C. champions.

—N.S.C.—

Sgt. C. M. McSwain, Somewhere in France, is attached to an Engineer Battalion. He states that he hears from

Pat Nation regularly and is interested in getting the addresses of Bully Howell, Gary Fournet, and Millard Hudson. (These addressed have been mailed to him.) Mac hasn't had the good fortune to meet with any of his former school-mates, but has a swell squad of men to work with who know their stuff. In a letter just received, Mac says he is in a rest camp, having returned from the front lines, where he learned that Sherman was right about war.

—N.S.C.—

Cpl. William Blewer, Jr., who is serving with an armored field artillery battalion in Europe, writes that he has just received his September issue of the *Columns*. Delivery on active fronts is naturally slow, but we hope that other issues will reach their destination as quickly as possible.

—N.S.C.—

Lt. Emmett E. Greene is now located somewhere in France. After serving in Africa, Sicily, Italy, and Corsica, he has been transferred to France. He was wounded by a bomb fragment and laid up for a while, but is with his outfit again. He stated in a recent letter that he had been lucky so far and is hoping for the "Finis La Guerre toute de suite," which wish is echoed most sincerely by all of us.

—N.S.C.—

A recent release from the U. S. Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, New Jersey, states that Wave Evelyn Clio Moore, S2c, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Moore of Provencal, has completed her training as a Navy weather observer at the Aerographer's School of the Naval Air Station there. Wave Moore enlisted in the U. S. Navy on August 10, 1944.

—N.S.C.—

Ensign Henry Gregorio is the Executive Officer of an LCT in the Philippine area. After gaining combat experience in some of the Pacific Islands, he was transferred to his present LCT in time for the big show in the Philippines, which was, as he expressed it, "Plum hot."

—N.S.C.—

Sgt. Leonie A. Moncla has been stationed in England for the past fourteen months and has become quite an old Londoner, almost to the point of mastering the Cockney dialect. She has just passed the physical, mental, and board examinations for Officers Candidate School and hopes to be sent there soon. A portion of her letter, written on January 25, is included in the Mail Bag Section.

—N.S.C.—

Jimmie Steen is now working in Golden Meadow, Louisiana, down on Bayou Lafourche. He says that he is now approaching the 200 pound mark and the fellows call him "Blubber." Peg Steen, as he styles himself, was discharged from McCloskey General Hospital last year after having served as a Lieutenant in the Army in Africa, Sicily, and Italy. It was in Italy (Salerno) that Jimmie lost his leg.



Lt. John D. Thompson, his plane and crew

Lt. John D. Thompson was stationed with a bomber group at an advanced base, Netherlands East Indies, when we last heard from him. He is pictured above on the left, while his crew and plane are pictured on the right. John D. says his APO changes so fast lately that his mail is always following him. At present he seems to be flying missions, ducking air raids, and playing softball between times.

—N.S.C.—

A recent letter from 1st Lt. Neil H. Johnson states that he is stationed "Somewhere in France," and that he has been on the move quite a bit lately trying to catch up with the Germans. American money is not seen very much in that part of the world, but he sent a 50-Franc note, the value of which is one dollar under the present rate of exchange.

Lieutenant Johnson enlisted in the Louisiana National Guard on July 13, 1940, and was assigned to active duty on November 25, 1940. He was promoted to corporal in August, 1941, and to sergeant in May, 1942. He was commissioned as 2nd lieutenant in November, 1942, and promoted to 1st lieutenant in December, 1943. He graduated from the Adjutant General's School in May, 1944; was awarded Expert Infantry Badge in July, 1944; obtained the Combat Infantry Badge in December, 1944; and wears American Defense Service Ribbon and the E.T.O. Ribbon with one campaign star. He said that his present occupation is "Kicking H— out of the Krauts."

—N.S.C.—

Lt. Jewell Watson of Jena, Louisiana, is stationed in the southwest Pacific area in the neighborhood of Guadalcanal. In a recent letter, he stated that Garlington Feazell and he are in the same outfit and that A. C. Willis, fresh from the States, dropped in to say hello about three months ago. Watson is attached to a hospital unit.

—N.S.C.—

Major George Gibbens of Plaquemines has recently been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for leading his group in precision bombing missions. He has been overseas for more than twenty-two months, nineteen of which were with

the A.A.F.'s oldest B-26 Marauder group. This group received the Presidential Unit Citation as well as a special citation awarded by General de Gaulle. His was the first B-26 group in Major-General John K. Cannon's 12th A.A.F. to complete 400 missions, 215 of which were flown between January 1 and July 31, 1944.

—N.S.C.—

Pvt. Gabriel Barkate was stationed in Paris when last we heard from him, living in the Petite Palais. He stated that as an exhibition building it was O.K., but as living quarters, it is not so hot. France has its beautiful sights, but Barkate is eager to return to a really beautiful spot, the College campus.

—N.S.C.—

Thomas W. (Punjab) Wright, who writes from the Philippines, says that after three years in the Pacific area he would really appreciate the good old U.S.A., and that every day out there brings the boys one day closer home. He would like to try cracking a football line again after having helped crack several Jap lines.

—N.S.C.—



Bessie Hudson, PhM2 c and Ens. Gladys Haughen

Bessie Lee Hudson, PhM2 c, of the WAVES, is now stationed in the Nutrition Department of the Medical Research Institute, National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. She is pictured on the left weighing in food samples that are sent over from the Naval Training Station at Bainbridge, Maryland. Ensign Gladys Haughen, on the right is directing and assisting in the analysis.



Ens. Hoyt Sparks

Ensign Hoyt Sparks, USNR, is stationed somewhere in Brazil with the Communications Office. He entered service in March, 1942, as a Store-keeper, 3/c, and received his boot training in San Diego. He was then assigned to the Armed Guard Center in New Orleans for about one year and was transferred to Jackson, Miss., and later to Miami, Florida. In February, 1944, he went to Harvard University, where he received his commission in June.

—N.S.C.—

Captain James M. Jones, Army Air Corps, has just returned to the States after serving 21 months in the ETO. He entered the service in November, 1941, and received his wings at Moultrie, Georgia, in July, 1942. Captain Jones has flown 92 missions as a pilot of a P-47 Thunderbolt, has destroyed 4 German fighter planes, and has 5 "probably destroyed" to his credit. He has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with Two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Purple Heart. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Jones of Columbia.

—N.S.C.—

S Sgt. Wear A. Arledge has recently been transferred from the Army Air Force in Laredo, Texas, to Branch 1, Section L, O.R.D. Greensboro, North Carolina. He was a visitor on the campus a few weeks ago while enjoying a leave in Natchitoches. A card just received states that he has gone overseas, APO, New York.

—N.S.C.—

L. Odell Vallery, Sp.3 c (P.R.), is stationed in the Public Relations Divisions 8-3, Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington 25, D. C.

—N.S.C.—

Capt. John Makar is with the Foreign Claims Service in the European Area. In a recent letter, he stated that he had been fortunate enough to visit many of the famous old cities in England and

France. He has met Lt. Jack Burgess several times since being overseas. Jack was a member of the basketball squad and Student Body President in 1938-39. Captain Makar was very prominent in Forensics and Publications (Student) while a student at the College.

—N.S.C.—

Pfc. Jerome B. Howard was recently reported wounded in action in the European theater. He has been overseas more than a year and has been in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany.

—N.S.C.—

Pfc. Elbert Clifton Thomas is now stationed in the Oklahoma City Air Technical Service Command at Tinker Field, where he is in training for the maintenance and repair of aircraft and the training of air depot groups. He entered service in November, 1943. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newell E. Thomas, live in Alexandria, and his wife resides at 339 North Locust Street, Bastrop. He has a brother, Arnold Thomas, MoMM3 c, in the U. S. Coast Guard.

—N.S.C.—

Lt. Millicent Juanita Murrell of Lake Charles is now stationed at Foster General Hospital, M.D. Physical Therapy, at Jackson, Mississippi.

—N.S.C.—

Lt. (j.g.) Francis F. (Dokie) Wimberly is now stationed at CNTU Breezy Point, NAS, Norfolk, Virginia. His brother, Guy Wimberly (B.S. '36), has recently been promoted to 1st Lieutenant in the Army and is stationed in Hawaii at the present time.

—N.S.C.—

Captain William P. Fraser, who is serving as a Chaplain in the Army, was recently awarded the Bronze Star. Captain Fraser (Bill) is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fraser of Many.

—N.S.C.—

Captain Lewis Gossett Craft is stationed in the Pacific Area in the Island Command. He entered service on April 5, 1936, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. He was a Master Sergeant when he was sent overseas in January, 1943. He was commissioned 1st Lieutenant in May, 1943, and was given his Captaincy about one year later. He has been awarded the Bronze Star.

—N.S.C.—

Flight Officer Glen (Little Pug) Morris has been reported "Missing in Action" over the Northern Kurile Islands since November 6, according to a telegram received by his brother, H. A. Morris of DeRidder. He had been stationed in the Aleutian Islands since September, 1944, and was Flight Officer and Co-Pilot on a B-25 Mitchell Bomber.

—N.S.C.—

1st Lt. James K. Fletcher is now stationed in England for the second time. He entered service December 31, 1941, was promoted to Sergeant June 20, 1942,

and then to Staff Sergeant and Technical Sergeant, receiving his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant on September 4, 1943. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant on August 12, 1944. He served overseas in the ETO from September, 1942, until May, 1943, and was then returned to the ETO in October, 1944, where he has been since that time.

—N.S.C.—

Pvt. Clarence P. Crump has just recently arrived overseas in the Italian theater. Before going overseas he was attached to the MP's at Camp Reynolds, Penn., where he was guarding some of Adolph's "Supermen" who were captured on Cassino. Crump entered service in October, 1943, and took his basic training at Camp Custer, Michigan.

—N.S.C.—

S Sgt. Halbert G. Davis writes from an Airborne Rest Center in Belgium that he has received the last issue of the *Columbus* and that it was the most welcome news he had received in a long time. Because of censorship regulations, he was unable to tell of his recent activities, but according to recent press dispatches from that sector he must have been having quite a bit of action.

—N.S.C.—



Major J. C. McWilliams

Major J. V. McWilliams of the Army Air Corps is now stationed in India and is a pilot on a B-29. He entered school here in 1938 and in September, 1940, entered Cadet School and received his commission in April, 1941. He was sent to Puerto Rico and later transferred to the Panama Canal and Guatemalan Zone, returning to the States in July, 1943. He was assigned to Pratt Air Base in Pratt, Kansas, and in the spring of 1944 was sent to India, where he is presently located.

Major McWilliams was married to Miss Helen McKenny of Campti, a student at the College at the time. They have a lovely daughter, Ann, whom the Major has not had the pleasure of seeing up to this time.



Lt. (j.g.) Eunice Adams Edgerton

Lt. (j.g.) Eunice Adams Edgerton of the WAVES is stationed in Key West, Florida, in the Communications Office. She is the daughter of Mrs. C. E. Edgerton, Jr., of Coushatta. Lt. Edgerton enlisted in the WAVES in February, 1943, and took her training at Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts. She was commissioned Ensign in May, 1943, and was promoted to Lieutenant, (j.g.), in June, 1944. Her present address is 400 Simonton St., Key West, Florida.

—N.S.C.—

Lt. Payne Mahfouz, an instructor in the Army Air Forces at Camp Fanin, Texas, has recently been promoted from 2nd Lieutenant to First Lieutenant.

—N.S.C.—

John N. Culbertson, PhM1.c, was based somewhere in the south Atlantic, on an island, when last we heard from him. He stated that the island is very barren and rocky but has a wonderful climate.

—N.S.C.—

Cpl. James Hoyt Anthony, stationed with the 15th Air Force Liberator squadron in Italy, has just recently been awarded the Good Conduct Medal. Cpl. Anthony, an airplane mechanic, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Anthony of Negreet, Louisiana. After graduating at the College, he was employed by the North American Aviation Company, Dallas, Texas, and entered service in July 22, 1943.

—N.S.C.—

Lt. Thomas S. Marvin, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Marvin, Sr., of Sibley, is a bombardier in the Air Corps. He has three brothers in the Army: Cpl. Roland P. Marvin, in army ordnance; Sgt. R. H. Marvin, Jr., in the field artillery; and Cpl. George B. Marvin, in the Air Corps.

—N.S.C.—

Captain Bartow Hodge of Winnfield, serving as statistical officer of the Troop Carrier Command in Europe, received the Unit Citation for work in Normandy

on June 5, 6, and 7. Since D-day his group are carrying supplies and troops and evacuating the wounded.

—N.S.C.—

Claude W. Bookter was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in November at Fort Benning, Georgia, after completing OCS. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bookter, 301 Broadway, Bossier City.

—N.S.C.—

Cpl. Patrick J. Poche of Lutchter is stationed in the Pacific area. He is with an infantry division.

—N.S.C.—

Notice has just been received that T 4 Henry J. Presley has arrived overseas in the European theater of operations.

—N.S.C.—



C Sp (A) Morris Carbo

Chief Specialist Morris Carbo, stationed in the Dutch West Indies, is shown in the tropical uniform of the U. S. Navy. The picture was made on Christmas Day after Carbo and his group had enjoyed a good swim. He states that mail service is very good and that he has been receiving the *Columns* as well as other mail from friends on the campus.

Carbo meets sailors from all the United Nations. One of the interesting sights to be seen are the old stockades which were used to auction slaves in the old days.

—N.S.C.—

Ruth Neeson is now a Lieutenant, junior grade, in the WAVES, and is stationed at Miami, Florida. Her most recent address is: Lt. (jg) Ruth Neeson, USNR, 245 S.W. 28th Road, Miami, Florida.

—N.S.C.—

A letter just received from Lt. Col. Tom A. Baker, writing from Germany, states: "What with severe winter weather, as well as an occasional Jerry shell or bomb to add zest, I am getting along fine." Things are a little quiet in his sector right now, said Tom, but, he added,

"They were very quiet a little over a month ago, so."

Lt. Col. Baker is a veteran of World War I, and was Captain of the National Guard Unit in Natchitoches when they were assigned to active duty in 1941. He was soon promoted to Major and later to Lieutenant Colonel before being assigned overseas duty last year.

—N.S.C.—

First Lt. Ben Haley Rushing has been discharged from the Army Air Corps after spending some time in the General Hospital in Denver, Colo. Ben served in the European theater and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, obtained the Air Medal with 9 clusters, and wore a Campaign Ribbon European Theater with 4 stars. He has just been selected as Service Officer for Natchitoches parish.

—N.S.C.—

Pvt. Jeanne Cecile Alleman, daughter of Mr. S. A. Alleman, Napoleonville, is serving with the WAC in the Pacific. Jeanne enlisted in the WAC in March, 1943, but was called into service in June of that year. She took her basic training at Fort Devens, Mass., was transferred to Administration School at Lexington, Ky., and then stationed at Army Air Base, Alliance, Nebraska, as assistant Librarian. In August, 1944, Pvt. Alleman was sent to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, for training and left for overseas in September.

Marie Louise Thibodaux, a 1940 graduate, enlisted in the WAC at the same time Jeanne did; however, we regret that we do not have any later information concerning her activities.

—N.S.C.—



Sgt. Glen L. Adcock

Sgt. Glen L. Adcock, son of Mrs. E. J. Adcock, Rte. 2, Coushatta, has recently gone overseas with an Engineer group. Glen was a student at the College in '38, '39, and '40, before entering the Army in 1941. He received his training at Camp Tyson, Tenn.; Hawthorne, California; and Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi.

Lt. Aletha Inez Redd, Army Nurse Corps, is stationed at Menter Field, Bakersfield, California. Lt. Redd, from Newellton, enlisted in service on January 4, 1944, completed her training at Santa Ana, California, and was then transferred to Bakersfield, where she has been located up to the present time.

—N.S.C.—

Sgt. Archie R. Jones has been serving in the Headquarters, Louisiana Induction and Recruiting Center, Municipal Auditorium, New Orleans, since his enlistment in the Army in August, 1942.

—N.S.C.—

T Sgt. Joe W. Garrett of Homer is now stationed with a Bomber Group in the European Area.

—N.S.C.—

Pvt. Dewitt Clements of Lisbon is stationed in the Pacific area with an Ordnance Group.

—N.S.C.—

Lt. Commander L. J. Alleman, Jr., is Executive Officer of his ship serving in the Pacific. He entered service in January, 1942, and was promoted to his present rank of Lieutenant Commander in May, 1944. He was made Executive Officer in August, 1944.

—N.S.C.—

Lt. (j.g.) Francis M. Ward, Naval Air Force, is stationed on one of our large combat ships somewhere in the Pacific area, according to information recently received from Mrs. Elizabeth Ward of Gilbert.

—N.S.C.—



S Sgt. Daniel W. Adcock, Jr.

S Sgt. Daniel W. Adcock, Jr., is stationed at Camp Craft, South Carolina, where he is attached to the personnel office. He received his basic training in San Bernardino, California, and has been stationed at Camp Craft since May of last year. He recently married Miss Olivia Sanders of Spartanburg, S. C.

Mrs. Vivian Price is a private in the WAC in the 2529 AAF Base Unit, Sqd. D, WAC, Moore Field, Mission, Texas.

—N.S.C.—

Sgt. Melton Lee Martin was with the 2123 AAF Base Unit B, Box 408 HAAF, Harlingen, Texas, when we heard from him last. He is an instructor in the Gunnery School as a Bomber Specialist. His wife, the former Dorothy Mae Jones (A.B. '42) is now residing at Wisner, where she is looking after the affairs of Melton Lee Martin, Jr.

—N.S.C.—

T Sgt. Gordon Robertson is in the Air Corps, Bomber Group, in England, having been stationed overseas for the past nine months. He entered service on January 19, 1943, and has been awarded the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

—N.S.C.—



T Sgt. Wiley M. Cummings

T Sgt. Wiley M. Cummings of Couchatta is a mechanic in the Air Forces in England, where he has been stationed since August, 1942. After graduating in 1941, Wiley taught school in Pleasant Hill until February, 1942, when he entered the Air Corps. He received his training at Keesler Field, Miss., and McDill Field, Florida, before being sent overseas. Cummings was a member of the basketball and track teams while at the College.

—N.S.C.—

Pfc. Juanita Williams of the Marines was a recent visitor to the campus. She was accompanied by Sgt. Buck, also of the Marines, whose home is in Boston, Mass. Sgt. Buck spent her furlough with Pfc. Williams in Natchitoches. They have returned to San Diego, California, where they are stationed at the present time.

—N.S.C.—

T Sgt. Howard Travis Poole of Lake Providence is with a Medical Detachment in an Engineers Battalion overseas in the European theater of operations.



Lt. Clarice A. Timmerman

1st Lt. Clarice A. Timmerman, 304 Marine Buildin, 217 Carondelet Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, is Sub-Station Commander of the New Orleans Recruiting Sub-Station for WAC. Before entering active service in March, 1943, Lt. Timmerman taught in Mer Rouge. After entering service, she reported to Fort Des Moines, Iowa, for basic training on St. Patrick's Day. She was sent to Officers' Candidate School directly from basic training and was commissioned May 30, 1943. Upon completion of OCS, Lt. Timmerman took Advanced Officers' Course in Administration and Supply.

The first assignment of Lt. Timmerman was Recruiting Service. She was sent to Bogalusa as Sub-Station Commander for three months. At the end of that time she was assigned to New Orleans, where she is stationed at the present time.

—N.S.C.—

T-4 Richard B. Garrison is clerk of his company in the Glider Infantry, 101st Air Borne Division. Dick entered service in March, 1942, and has been in the European theater for the past 18 months. Recent reports in the newspapers will give a good idea of where the 101st has been operating and what it has been doing.

—N.S.C.—

Thomas Elmo Hill, who entered the Navy last summer, is now stationed at U.S.N. Hospital Corps School, U.S.N. Hospital, Unit 3, Co. 15-1, at San Diego, California. Elmo stated in a recent letter that he is still living, well, and happy, but he must admit that he gets homesick for the old school and his pals on the campus.

—N.S.C.—

Cpl. Margaret E. Straughan, WAC Det., 1801st S. U., Dallas 2, Texas, has charge of assignments in the 8th Service Command. Before her enlistment in March, 1944, she was employed at Camp Livingston. She was one of the first members of the WAC Detachment formed there. She took basic training at Ft. Oglethorpe, and while there was selected as a WAC

beauty and became part of an army show which went on tour and visited New York and Chicago. On her return to Ft. Oglethorpe she met Miss Annetta Wood. They completed their training together. Cpl. Straughan attended the College 1938-40.

—N.S.C.—

Word comes from Dwight McCartney that he has been discharged from service but is continuing his dental school training. His wife, the former Dale Harlan, is an assistant chemist at U. S. Industrial Chemical Co., where Mrs. Harold Evensen (Anita Mauro '37) is also employed. Mr. and Mrs. McCartney are now living at 5015 S. Johnson St., New Orleans 15, Louisiana.

—N.S.C.—

Cpl. Roy Napoleon Hearne, Jr., is with the "Wildcat" 81st Infantry Division. He has been with this outfit since entering service in June, 1942. This is the group that landed on Angaur Island in the Pacific in September, 1944.

—N.S.C.—

Cpl. Leon Basco was stationed at Clovis, New Mexico, Unit F, AAF, when last we heard from him. He entered service on June 17, 1942, graduated from Armament School in July, 1943, finished General Electric Central Station Fire Control in December, 1943, and graduated from B-29 Gunner's Instructors School in June, 1944. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and Gunner's Wings in June, 1944.

—N.S.C.—



Sgt. Alvin Prince

Sgt. Alvin Prince is an Instructor in Radio with the A.A.A. in San Diego. He left Natchitoches with the 204th Coast Artillery in 1941, as a member of the original National Guard, and was stationed at Camp Hulen, Texas, for some time. Later he was transferred to San Diego and attended Radio School. After completing the work there, he was assigned as an instructor of Radio.



Major Chester A. Driggers

Major Chester A. Driggers is now stationed at the Air Base, Huntsville, Alabama. He entered the Air Corps in 1942 and received his training at Ft. Stockton, California, where he received his commission as 2nd Lieutenant. He was given overseas assignment and was actively engaged in the African campaign, participating in the bombing of strategic points and operations in Africa, Pantelleria, and Sicily, flying over fifty missions before being returned to the States. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant and then to Captain while overseas, having reached his Majority since returning. He and Captain John Woodyard flew wing to wing on many of their missions, particularly in the closing days of the campaign around Bizerte and Tunis. He has been doing instruction work since receiving his present assignment.

—N.S.C.—

Major Raymond Breazeale has just returned to New York for further orders after spending a week at home in Natchitoches. He arrived here from San Francisco. Major Breazeale is in the Ferry Transport Division of the Air Corps.

—N.S.C.—

Lt. (j.g.) John Elkins, USNR, spent a few days in Natchitoches visiting relatives and friends during the last of January. He was accompanied by his wife, and left here for San Francisco for further assignment. He had just returned to the States from the European theater, where he was serving on Landing Craft for the invasions in Europe.

—N.S.C.—

Seasoned under Jap fire from the frigid Aleutians to balmy Pacific hotspots of Tarawa, Kwajalein, and Eniwetok, Coast Guard Coxswain Ralph A. Rousseau of Covington returned to New Orleans in October. For 31 months Rousseau was aboard a combat transport, manned by coastguardsmen. After taking a beating from the weather in the Aleutians, the coxswain's ship, which had gone aground

on Amchitka during an Arctic gale, was the target of daily bombings by Jap planes based on Kiska and Attu. The aim of the Japs was bad; however, Ralph's work as an anti-aircraft gun direction operator may have had something to do with the Nips' lack of accuracy.

Again repaired, the transport brought New Zealand troops to the South Pacific, then took Marines on their initial assault on Tarawa.

—N.S.C.—

First Lt. Wilfred Howard Middleton is serving with General Patton's Army in France and Germany. He is with the supply and transport section, a rigorous assignment when "Old Plasma and Intestines" (Pardon the English accent) gets on the move.

—N.S.C.—

Philip E. Orr, Jr., and James C. Parrott, Jr., are both in the U. S. Navy and are ranked Hospital Apprentice, 1st c. They entered service in June, 1944, and received their training at the U.S.N. Hospital Corps School in San Diego, California. After completing their course at the hospital, both boys were given a leave to visit home during the Xmas holidays. They are now stationed in New Orleans, having been together since entering the Navy.

—N.S.C.—



Pfc. Robert H. Johnson

Pfc. Robert H. Johnson is stationed at Esler Field, La., after a two weeks' rest period in Miami, Florida. He entered the Signal Corps in January, 1942, and was stationed at Esler Field before being sent to Savannah, Georgia, for special training. After completing his training, he was sent to Tampa, Florida, where he was stationed at Drew Field. In February, 1943, he was assigned to overseas duty at Cairo, Egypt, where he remained until September of that year, when he was transferred to England. He took part in the D-day invasion of France and remained there until last November, when he was returned to the States.



Lt. Col. Oris Johnson

Lt. Colonel Oris B. Johnson is stationed in the ETO as commander of a "Black Widow" P-61 Night Fighter Squadron. Col. Johnson entered the Army Air Corps in November, 1940, and received his training at Spartan Aeronautical School at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and at Randolph Field and Kelly Field in San Antonio, Texas. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant on July 11, 1941. He was assigned to an observation squadron and participated in the Louisiana Maneuvers and patrol duty at New Orleans, during which time he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant.

In September, 1942, Oris was assigned to a Tactical Unit in Orlando, Florida, where he was promoted to Captain and later to Major. In January, 1944, he was assigned to overseas duty as Commander of his present "Black Widow" squadron and promoted to Lt. Colonel. He has eleven German planes to his credit, also 5 probably destroyed and two damaged, plus five buzz bombs knocked down and 16 locomotives destroyed—and the count is going up every week.

—N.S.C.—

T 5 Clady Kermit Kennedy is stationed somewhere in France with the Engineers. He entered service in August, 1943, and went overseas to England in May, 1944, where he was stationed for about two months before moving over to France.

—N.S.C.—

Hansel H. Hathorn, SF2/c, is stationed at Camp Indicot, Davisville, Rhode Island, 85th Batt., Sec. One, Replacement Group, Bks G-3. He enlisted in the Seabees in January, 1943, and received his training at Camp Perry, Virginia, and Camp Indicot, R. I. He was shipped to Alaska and the Aleutians in June, 1943, and returned to the States in Sept., 1944.

—N.S.C.—

Jane Caldwell, 2nd Lieutenant, American Red Cross, is stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss., Station Hospital No. 1. She entered service on August 1, 1943, and received her training at American University, Washington, D.C. At present

she is director of recreation on staff of Station Hospital No. 1.

—N.S.C.—

First Lt. Doyle W. Lott, Jr., has been promoted to the rank of Captain in the U. S. Army, according to an announcement by the War Department. Doyle was majoring in Journalism and was serving on the staff of *Current Sauce* at the time of his enlistment in the service.

—N.S.C.—

Lt. (j.g.) Garland De Moss, U. S. Navy, is stationed at Naval A. O. T. C., Lakeland, Florida. He is Aviation Ordnance Officer.

—N.S.C.—

Sgt. Bryant Gordon of Epps, Louisiana, wrote recently that he is stationed with a fighter group somewhere in France. He stated that after being in the Army these many months, he is hoping for a speedy end of the war so that all the boys can come back to the campus for a great home-coming. Gordon was a senior on the campus in 1940.

—N.S.C.—

Lt. Raymond Seshul is stationed in the Philippine area, where he is attached to a surgical hospital. Mrs. Seshul, the former Marjorie Patterson, and her eleven months old son, Michael Boyd Seshul, reside at 1121 Janther Place, Shreveport, Louisiana.

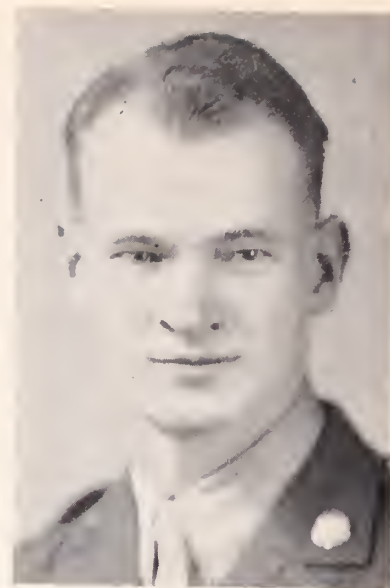
—N.S.C.—



Capt. Wilbur B. Botzong

Capt. Wilbur B. Botzong is in the European Theater of Operations, attached to a bomber group. In a recent letter "Red" made this comment about the buzz bombs: "One flew so low the other morning, it came in one window of the room and out the other. They should be more careful where they aim those things."

Botzong says the boys are eager to get through over there and give the Japs some "through-the-clouds bombing"; and when that is over, he wants to come back home and start on that delayed education again.



Cpl. James B. Hopper

Cpl. James Bernard Hopper, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hopper of Natchitoches, was killed in action in France on November 26. "Jim," as he was familiarly known, received his B.S. Degree in 1942, took an active part in the Wesley Foundation, and was a member of Lambda Zeta fraternity. After graduation, he visited a brother, Lt. Joe Hopper, in California, and volunteered in U. S. Army in August, 1942. After receiving his basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif., he was sent to Norfolk, Virginia, where he was assigned as secretary to Brig. Gen. Frank Keating for 14 months. During this time he was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant. Eager to get into combat service, he turned in his stripes and joined the 104th Infantry as a Private. After receiving basic training at Ft. Jackson, S. C., he left for overseas duty in September, 1944, and was a member of General Patton's Third Army.

Cpl. Hopper has three brothers in service, T Sgt. Jack Hopper with a medical unit overseas; Lt. Joe Hopper, Los Angeles, Calif.; and Pfc. John M. Hopper in Medical School, New Orleans. His sister, Betty Jane, is a senior at the College.

—N.S.C.—

A recent clipping from the Norfolk *Seabag*, the Naval Training Station publication, listed the three outstanding athletic figures who have appeared at the station. One of these three was Charles (Red) Thomas, a member of the basketball squad of the Naval Training Station, the top-ranking team of the nation. This team has played before more than 200,000 naval personnel each year.

As a member of the Demon Basketball Team while a student on the campus, Red rated Little All-America.

—N.S.C.—

C. L. Starnes, PhM2/c, was just recently transferred to U.S.N. A.B.P.D., Training Div. 10, Bks. G-33, San Bruno, California. In his last letter, he stated that he had just met Lt. Ted Wright, USN, and Eugene McLeroy in San Francisco. They had just returned from the

Pacific and were given 30 days leave. Incidentally, Ted was on the campus shortly after meeting Starnes.

—N.S.C.—

Major John K. McNeely, deputy leader of a Liberator group in Italy, has flown more than 25 missions over enemy territory. On a recent raid over Austria, his No. 2 engine caught fire and flames began pouring out of the cowl, along the wing, and against his compartment. He picked out a barren stretch, jettisoned his bombs, and pushed the bail-out alarm. The crew bailed out and McNeely intended to bail out as soon as the crew were clear. With the plane still under control at 10,000 feet, he decided to ride it home, if possible. To use his own language: "I knew the heading towards our base. The engine was still smoking but apparently the wing section had stopped burning. I reached the field on three engines, contacted the towers, and asked for landing instructions. The bomb bays and other hatches were open; the feathered prop was windmilling increasing drag. I got my landing gear down but had no way of knowing it was down and locked—especially the nose wheel. I had to take the chance. As the wheels touched the run way I tried to keep her nose up. I finally had to ease it over and, to my surprise, the nose wheel held."

McNeely taxied the plane in, and the ground crew chief nearly blacked out when he saw one man climb down from the ship. "Major," he said, "had I known you were all alone up there I would have been sweating it out—double." "That's all right," McNeely replied; "I sweated out this ride and landed for both of us."

—N.S.C.—

Lt. James E. (Winnfield) Melton is now stationed in Australia. He was recently commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, after finishing special training in Australia. Winnfield said that Australia could feed the world with beef if it were necessary, since the Australians have a marvelous set-up for raising cattle.

—N.S.C.—

1st Lt. Albert E. Prestridge is in a hospital in England, recuperating from a crushed right leg. It is broken in four places. He had been overseas for about one year, attached to a Marauder Bomber squadron. He had flown more than sixty missions over Germany before his latest wound. He was acting squadron commander at the time he was wounded.

—N.S.C.—

William Crnkovic, who last attended school here in 1936, is now a Carpenter's Mate 2/c in the Coast Guard. He and his wife are living at 724½ Kentucky Street, Mobile, Alabama. Crnkovic has been stationed at Mobile since last June.

—N.S.C.—

Cpl. William W. Jacob, Robeline, has just returned home, having received his discharge from the Army. Jacob was in a hospital in England from May, 1944, until February, 1945. He had been over-

seas for more than a year before being sent back to the States and discharged.

—N.S.C.—

Sgt. Elzey E. Williams, Camp Hood, Texas, spent a ten-day leave the latter part of January in and around Natchitoches, where he taught for several years prior to entering service in 1942.

—N.S.C.—



Lt. John H. Cunningham

Lt. John H. Cunningham, son of Mrs. Evelyn Payne Cunningham of Natchitoches, was killed in action in the Bastogne area on January 5, according to a telegram received by his wife, the former Frances Mae Fournet, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. F. G. Fournet. The message telling of his death in action followed by four hours a previous message stating that he was missing in action. Lt. Cunningham was serving with the armored Field artillery and had been in action in the Belgium sector since December 30.

John was business manager and associate editor of the Natchitoches Times for many years before he entered service in June, 1942. A graduate of 1926, he has identified himself with all leading civic enterprises of the parish, having been an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, and the Young Men's Business Club.

—N.S.C.—

Pvt. Steve Harmon of Waterproof was a recent visitor to the Campus. Steve was a member of the football and track teams while a student at the College. After graduation, he became Secretary of the Natchitoches Chamber of Commerce and later served in the same capacity at Lufkin, Texas, before entering the service.

—N.S.C.—

Paratrooper Leroy S. Miller, Jr., is stationed somewhere in France, having gone overseas in January. The paratroopers is the sixth different outfit he has been in since enlisting in service in 1942. Starting out in the Air Corps, Le-

roy was transferred to the Infantry, then to ASTP, back to the Air Corps, again to Armored Infantry, and finally to Paratroopers. He has been stationed at Camp Adair, Oregon; Camp Walters, Salt Lake City; Carnegie Tech, Pittsburgh; Miami Beach, Florida; Smyrna Field, Tenn.; Camp Campbell, Ky.; Fort Benning, Ga.; Fort George Meade, Maryland; and Camp Mackall, N. C., before going overseas.

—N.S.C.—

First Lieut. Robert Breedlove, with Mrs. Breedlove, returned to his station in San Francisco, Calif., after a visit in Natchitoches in November. Lt. Breedlove entered service in 1942 and received his training at Grand Rapids, Michigan. He has been stationed in his present location for the past 18 months as a meteorologist for the Army Air Corps.

—N.S.C.—

Sgt. Kenneth Wilson completed his Orientation Course in England in October, where he has been stationed for some time. A student at the College before entering service, Kenneth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wilson, Superintendent of Grounds here at the College.

—N.S.C.—

Pfc. T. A. Nealy arrived safely in England in November. He is with the Signal Corps and entered service in July, 1942. He received basic training at Camp Crowder, Mo., before being transferred to Columbus, Ohio, and Camp Maxey, Texas, prior to going overseas.

—N.S.C.—

Cpl. Clyde Reinsch is clerk with one of the first Ninth Air Force medium Bomber groups to operate from French soil after the invasion. His group has been officially commended several times for its pre-invasion attacks, for its precision bombing on D-day, and for current operations in support of ground troops on the continent. Its B-26 Marauders have blasted the enemy in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. He has been overseas for approximately one year, having entered service in November, 1942, at which time he was a student at the College.

—N.S.C.—

Pvt. Clyde Bostick, who was seriously wounded in action in France on November 9, has been transferred back to the General Hospital in Springfield, Missouri. He was wounded by a piece of shrapnel from a tank, and is suffering temporary paralysis from the waist down. When last heard from, he was improving somewhat, and was exceedingly glad to be back in the States.

—N.S.C.—

A letter just received from Lt. (j.g.) James W. Gaspard in the Pacific area states that he has been traveling all over the central, south, and southwest Pacific during the past six months, and that he had the pleasure of meeting Tom George and enjoying a cup of "Joe" with him while they reminisced. Tom has gained quite a bit of weight, but Gaspard said

he did not wish to discuss the subject of weight (his own) very much. Tom stated that he had also met Willie Lutgring in Pearl Harbor on one trip and that he is the same old Willie B.

—N.S.C.—

Lt. Joseph Milton (Billy) Brown, 26, son of Mrs. John W. Brown, 1059 Eustis Street, Shreveport, was killed in action in France on November 13, 1944, according to word received from the War Department by his family. He was killed shortly after receiving the Silver Star for gallantry in action and the Purple Heart for wounds he received while serving with the infantry.

The citation accompanying the Silver Star read: "When two outposts which his assault gun platoon was supporting, were attacked by a superior force, he went to the points of attack and, in addition to directing the fire of his own guns, organized riflemen, directed movement of casualties so they could be evacuated, and observed and corrected artillery fire. His calm and courageous actions were an inspiration to his troops and resulted in the retaking, organizing and holding of a previously lost position."

Billy worked for the La. Highway Commission after graduation from the College, prior to entering service. He has two brothers in service, S2/c Edgar Brown with the Seabees in the Mediterranean, and S/Sgt. Clyde Brown in England. Billy's wife, the former Mabel Walker, resides in Santa Barbara, California.

—N.S.C.—

Pfc. Lila Fendleston York, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fendleston of Bogalusa, is a member of the 45 piece Marine Corps Women's Reserve Band which recently toured east coast Marine bases and Chicago. This band, organized in 1943, is the only official Women's Reserve Band. Pfc. York, the wife of Sgt. Ralph C. York, USMC, played trombone in the College Band here.

—N.S.C.—

Lt. Hampton J. (Shug) Murrell of Crowley was a visitor on the campus in November, having returned to the States after spending over a year in New Foundland. He enjoyed the pleasure of making the acquaintance of his son, Johnny Murrell, several months old, who never saw the fellow called "Da-Da" before in his young life. Lt. Murrell's wife is the former Margie Gathright of Natchitoches. He returned to his old station after leaving here.

—N.S.C.—

Lt. (j.g.) Frank McGlathery, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McGlathery of Logansport, has been transferred to Washington, D. C., to fly transport ships. For the past two years he has been a flying instructor in Pensacola, Florida. His brother, Andy McGlathery, is stationed at Camp Hood.

—N.S.C.—

Captain William E. Walker, Jr., veteran U. S. Marine Fighter Pilot of Winnfield and former student of the College,

died from injuries received in a plane crash near Thermal, California, on November 30. Captain Walker returned in January, 1944, from 15 months' service in the south Pacific, where he was stationed on Guadalcanal, Cella La Vella, and the Russell Islands. He joined the Marine Corps in August, 1941, and trained in New Orleans and Corpus Christi.

—N.S.C.—



Capt. V. A. Dunham in his plane

Captain V. A. Dunham is pictured in a twin-engine bomber just before taking off on a patrol flight, while he was stationed at Galveston, Texas. He is now stationed with the 213th AAF BU, Sec. E, A.A.B. Mountain Home, Idaho, instructing B-24 crews, but is expecting a change in activity some time in the near future.

—N.S.C.—

Pvt. Minnie C. Snyder, formerly of Coushatta, has been taking training as a Psychiatric assistant in the WAC at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. Prior to her enlistment she was associated with the La. State Department of Public Welfare and the Silas Mason Ordnance Plant. The new WAC is the mother of two daughters, one of whom, Asenath Snyder, is a member of the Cadet Nurse Corps.

—N.S.C.—

Lt. (j.g.) Kier Maddox was a visitor on the campus in January while spending a leave with his parents, Prof. and Mrs. A. C. Maddox. Kier had just returned from 20 months overseas duty. At the conclusion of his leave he returned to Miami, Florida, for special training and reassignment to further duty.

—N.S.C.—

A S Rudolph Pharis has recently been transferred to Army Air Field, Carlsbad, New Mexico, for training as a bombardier. At the completion of his training, he hopes to receive his silver bombardier's Wings.

—N.S.C.—

Lt. Woodrow (Blub) Miller is stationed on the Italian front. Blub says that if you carry more than a blanket on your back, you make a good target for the enemy; but Woodrow makes a good target without any additional equipment. He recently had a five-day rest and spent the time in Florence, after which time he claimed he really needed a rest.

He sent Coach Turpin several samples

of money used in that area and a sample sheet of German propaganda that was dropped in our front lines.

—N.S.C.—

According to a recent news release, S Sgt. Louis E. Carter of Belmont, has successfully flown his fiftieth combat mission as a tail gunner on a 15th Air Force Flying Fortress. He has been awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and has earned the European-African-Middle East Theater Ribbon with two battle participation stars.

—N.S.C.—

According to information given us by Miss Annetta Wood, who has returned to her duties as a member of the faculty in the Speech Department after being discharged from the WAC, Pvt. James W. (Thespian) Taylor and Lillian Bell meet at a certain rendezvous in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, each Thursday evening. All former Davis Players and friends in the vicinity are invited to join them.

—N.S.C.—

Ensign Billy H. Bolton was on leave in December after 14 months of sea duty, during which time he participated in the Normandy invasion and the southern France invasion. He also took part in the Naval bombardment of Cherbourg. Billy has been in the Navy for approximately two years. He was employed by the Standard Oil Co. in Shreveport before entering service.

—N.S.C.—

When you see "Winged Victory" on the screen, look for A. C. Willis and Harry Miller. They helped to make up part of the background for the stars. A. C. has since gone to the southwest Pacific and was stationed on Guadalcanal when last heard from, while Harry has won his Gunnery Wings at Kingman, Arizona, and is now at Selman Field trying to get his Navigator's Wings.

—N.S.C.—

Midshipman Jack Richter spent the Christmas holidays in Natchitoches before returning to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. He expects to finish his training there in about one year and receive his commission as an Ensign in the U. S. Navy.

—N.S.C.—

Captain Wayne W. Williams, formerly of Flora, has just returned to the States after 34½ months of service overseas in the China-Burma-India area. He is waiting a new assignment.

—N.S.C.—

1st Lt. Allen K. Taylor of Shreveport returned to the States in November after seven months overseas with the Air Corps in the Italian theater of operations. He completed his 50th combat mission as bombardier-navigator in a B-24 Liberator group of the 15th A.A.F. Taylor has been awarded the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Unit Badge. He has had over 270 hours of operational combat flying.



Ens. Charles H. Mathis, Native Chieftain and Family

Pictured above, in the jeep, is Ensign Charles H. Mathis of Mooringsport, while stationed in the southwest Pacific. At the right is pictured a native Chieftain; and above, the chieftan and his family are shown in front of their rather pretentious native home. Charles really gets around and must be quite a diplomat to make friends with such important people all over the world.

—N.S.C.—

Sgt. Cecil L. Jinks, U. S. Marine Corps, has been overseas for 23 months with the 2nd Marines and the 4th Marines. Up to December, he had been in three operations and was expecting more. According to newspaper accounts of the 4th Marines, he has evidently had many thrilling additional experiences since that time. Incidentally, in a recent letter, he stated that he saw Floyd "Red" Turner on Guam.

—N.S.C.—

Pvt. James R. McLeroy, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McLeroy of Many, died on December 27 from wounds received in action in France. James was a student here at the College when he resigned to enter service on March 1, 1943. He received his basic training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, after which he was sent to the A.S.T.P. at Texas A. & M. When the A.S.T.P. was disbanded, he was assigned to the 328th Combat Engineer Regiment, which was

a part of the 103rd Infantry Division, and received his final training at Camp Howze, Texas. He sailed to France early in October and was sent into action almost immediately as a part of General Patch's 7th Army in Alsace-Lorraine.

—N.S.C.—

We have just learned that Lt. Clinton (Little Jack) Jackson and Sgt. Johnnie Jackson met in Belgium recently and are stationed near each other. They spent a four-day leave together in a town in Belgium. Another interesting meeting of brothers was that of Pfc. Milling Pierson and his brother, Captain Edgerton Pierson, in Cherbourg, France. When Milling arrived overseas at Cherbourg, Ed met him at the pier.

—N.S.C.—

First Lieutenant Eddie Schumacher, Department of Physical Training, Hondo AAF, Hondo, Texas, and Mrs. Schumacher, the former Naomi Prothro, and baby were visitors in Natchitoches this week. Eddie was stationed at Selman Field before being transferred to Hondo.

—N.S.C.—

Staff Sergeant Alvin L. Free of Pleasant Hill has been awarded the Silver Star posthumously for gallantry in action while serving with the 85th "Custer" division on the Fifth Army front in Italy.

When his platoon leader became a

casualty some 300 yards ahead of the company, Free assumed command and skillfully maneuvered his men to a position from which they could attack a strongly fortified house from which the destructive automatic weapons fire was coming. After killing two of the enemy by accurate rifle fire, Free boldly rushed toward the house, and in the course of the assault he was killed. His bold attempt so inspired the men of his section that they charged the house and captured it, killing fourteen of the enemy, silencing three machine pistols and four machine guns. "His heroic and courageous act saved many lives and resulted in the successful completion of his unit's mission, reflecting the highest traditions of the armed forces," the citation with the award said. Free's mother, Mrs. Larline Free, lives at Pleasant Hill.

—N.S.C.—



Lt. Col. Edgar A. Poe

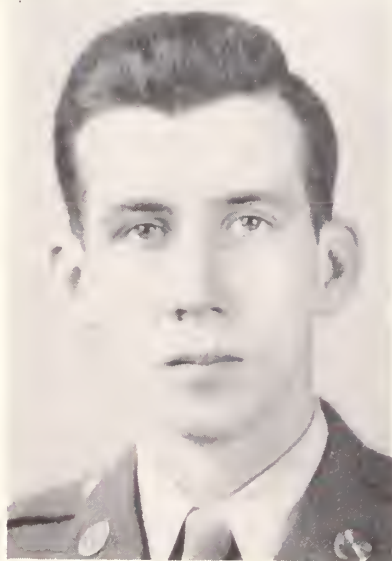
Lt. Colonel Edgar A. Poe is with a Tactical Reconnaissance Group in the Air Corps in the European Theater of Operations. Just graduated from Georgia Tech with a B. S. Degree in Electrical Engineering, and deciding that he wanted to be an elementary school teacher, "Jack" Poe entered the Normal in March, 1938, to get certain courses in education he felt needful in learning the technique of his newly chosen profession. After five months' work, he accepted a position at Newellton teaching sixth grade. It's quite a jump from sixth-grade classroom teacher in 1940 to Tactical Reconnaissance Group Operations and Plans Officer in Belgium in 1945. But that is the story behind Lt. Col. Edgar A. Poe. In the event your curiosity has been somewhat aroused by the middle initial, it stands for Allan, and the full name is Edgar Allan Poe. He was called to active duty as a ground officer with the Air Force in September, 1940, since he held a commission in the reserves as 2nd Lieutenant. In February, 1941, he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant, and then to Army War College in April and May, staff duty at Jackson Army Air Base, Jackson, Miss., and promotion to Captain in March, 1942.

He took flight training in the grade of Captain and finished in March, 1943, then secured fighter-pilot training at Sarasota, Florida, in April and May, participated in Tennessee maneuvers during the summer and fall, and shipped to England in January, 1944. Promotion to Major in February, '44, was followed by D-day, France, Luxembourg, and Belgium. He was promoted to Lt. Colonel in December, 1944.

—N.S.C.—

First Lieutenant William J. Dodd recently sent Edward L. Williams, Jr., of Shreveport, a Nazi flag which flew over Aachen, Germany, before it was hauled down and the Stars and Stripes run up in its place. In addition to the Nazi flag he sent Williams a small China beer stein, a tiny pitcher, an ash tray from a German officers' club, the shoulder braid of an officers' uniform, the silver insignia from a Storm Trooper's cap, and two small salt cellars. In his letter to Mr. Williams, a discharged veteran, Dodd warned against accepting pleas of Germans for an easy peace. "The Germans are up to their old tricks—Once again they are blaming individuals for their collective crimes," he declared. "With crocodile tears in their eyes, they pray that the Allies will forgive their sins—until they are strong enough to wage another war against their defenceless and German-looted neighbors." He paid a tribute to the press correspondents, who waded the mud, sleep in the fox holes, and dodge steel to get their information first hand.

—N.S.C.—



Cpl. S. A. Kendrick

Cpl. S. A. Kendrick is with the Field Artillery in General Patton's Army somewhere in Germany. Kendrick entered service in May, 1943, and received his training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he was stationed until April, 1944. After completing his basic training of about 16 weeks, he was used as an instructor for new recruits coming into camp until he was transferred to Ft. Jackson, S. C. He left for overseas in May, 1944, going to England, then to France, and on to

Germany. Cpl. Kendrick was editor of the *Current Sauce* and a member of the Forensics team prior to his graduation. He is the son of Mrs. Reta Beard Kendrick of Natchitoches.

—N.S.C.—



Major Wayne J. Seward

Major Wayne J. Seward is Squadron Commander and Group Leader in the 15th Air Forces in Italy. A study of the paintings on his plane, "The Rabid Rabbit," will give some indication of his activities within the last few years. Unfortunately, in order to bring out the face as much as possible, we had to cut off part of the plane on the right edge; however, we believe that there is a fair indication of what is on that side of the plane. He was recently promoted to his present rank of Major and has been awarded the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters. His wife, Mrs. Sara Frances Seward, resides at 722 Bristol Avenue, Stockton, Calif.

—N.S.C.—

Sgt. Earl Weaver, a radio operator in the signal and communications service, arrived at his new station in the Pacific in October.

—N.S.C.—

Lieut. Commander James F. Merritt, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Merritt of Benton, has been called one of the most decorated officers in the Navy. In January, aboard a seaplane flagship off the Philippines, Commander Merritt and 20 other members of the famous Black Cat squadron, operating with the 7th fleet in the Pacific, received awards for the squadron's unequal record of sinking or damaging 107,000 tons of Japanese shipping within a period of a little more than a month.

Merritt alone has accounted for 38,500 tons of Jap ships sunk and 6,000 tons damaged in the three years he has been in combat. As executive officer of the squadron, Merritt received the Distinguished Flying Cross for sinking the 10,500 ton troop transport included in the squadron's 43 ship kill.

Decorations received by Merritt are: Navy Cross, Silver Star, Gold Star (in lieu of second Silver Star), Distinguished Flying Cross, Gold Star (in lieu of a sec-

ond DFC), Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart, and two Presidential Unit Citations. In addition, he wears four battle stars, the Philippine Badge, and ribbons from the Atlantic, Pacific and Caribbean Areas.

In September, 1944, Merritt sank a 10,000 ton Jap tanker off Kendari in the Celebes islands; he swooped so low in the attack that the leading edge of his wing struck and snapped a part of the Japanese vessels mast, which remained embedded in the wing. He later polished the piece and now uses it as a pen and pencil mount.

Merritt's wife, the former Miss Betty Dowty, is making her home in Alexandria.

—N.S.C.—

Lt. James T. Efurd is now stationed at Smyrna, Tenn., where he is an instructor. After returning from overseas he was sent to Midland, Texas, for additional training before being assigned as an instructor at B.P.A.S. in Smyrna.

—N.S.C.—

Captain Frank Greco is stationed at William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas, where he has been for some time. Captain Greco was seriously injured during a Jap bombing raid on Guadalcanal in 1942, when he served with the 214th Regiment, AA, in New Zealand, New Caledonia, and Guadalcanal. He entered service in December, 1940.

—N.S.C.—

Kerlin Sutton, Radar Mechanic, recently graduated from the Army Air Field, Boca Raton, Florida, and has been transferred to Salt Lake City, Utah. He has been in the Navy for about 17 months.

—N.S.C.—



Lt. (j.g.) W. F. ("Bill") Doshier, Jr.

Lt. (j.g.) William F. Doshier, Jr., is with the Navy in the Pacific Area. Bill has been leading a rather busy life recently and has seen a great deal of territory since being attached to a Mine Sweeper. Sweeping mines and clearing up harbors

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Out of the Mail Bag

Paris, France
November 14, 1944

Dear Mr. Miller,

Remember me? You made a talk at our high school commencement down at Monterey in nineteen hundred forty. Then I went to Normal and was a P.E. major there. You were my science teacher one semester. Well, I got my B.S. at Normal on January 20 of this year and came right into the army. I was pretty lucky, because after I had been in the States five months, I got my overseas orders. Wouldn't trade the experience I've had since then for anything.

First I went to England and was shipped around and about until Uncle Sam decided that I belonged in France. So here I sit at three o'clock in the morning operating a switchboard and writing you in between calls—in gay Paree. I'm on the graveyard shift—from twelve midnight till eight mornings. Not bad—very interesting and definitely fun lots of times. ATS girls work with us.

We're living the life of Raleigh here in Paris—our billets are nice hotels. Can you fancy being in the army and not having to pull K.P.? Well, we don't here. French girls wait on us in the hotel dining room and French maids clean up our rooms daily. The only thing wrong is that we have no heat and it is cold here now. Old toughie that I am, I even have chilblains on my feet. Many of the girls do. It's wonderful being here, though—I don't even mind freezing. Everything else is really okay.

What I really wanted to ask you is, would you be so kind, Sir, as to send me the Current Sauce as often as possible? I miss old Normal and would like to keep up with the goings on there on the campus. Many ta's in advance, Mr. Miller. You'll find my address—I hope—on the front of the envelope.

Best of luck to you and yours.

Sincerely,
Ida E. Simpson

—N.S.C.—

Letter received from Lt. Col. Edgar A. Poe.

January 6, 1935

Dear Mr. Miller:

March 3, 1938, a young fellow, freshly graduated from Georgia Tech (B.S. in Electrical Engineering), "reported for duty" at Louisiana State Normal College. Having decided to become an elementary school teacher, this young fellow had found it necessary to cram a number of Education and Physical Education courses before a Louisiana Teacher's Certificate could be obtained.

Today, January 6, 1945, almost seven years later, this same fellow, not so young these days, received a copy of "The Normal Alumni Columns." It certainly brought back many fond memories—memories of Natchitoches, "The Normal," Dr. Ford, Mr. Sudbury, Mr. Parks, Dr. Hooker, Mr. Markham, Mrs. Dixie Ward, the "Doc" Piersons, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mitchell. There were many more too numerous to mention.

You have guessed it! I am "that fellow," not so young these days after four years of service in the Army Air Corps.

I can't help having a warm spot in my heart for Natchitoches and "The Normal." I shall never forget Mrs. Dixie

Ward introducing me to Raymond Markham (Ed. note: Markham is now a Lt. Col. in the Army) and his Troop 60, Boy Scouts of America. That's where I met Curtis Bozeman, Laird Fletcher, John Sudbury, John Parks, Cary Johnson, Phillip Orr, Billy Leach, Oscar Butler, Crockett Norris, Joe Pierson, Roland Hussey, Fred Maddux, Bill Pullen, Chick Shehane, John Tarlton, Willis Ward, and many other fellows who grew up to be swell young men. . .

At Georgia Tech the courses in Engineering were pretty well stabilized. It was strictly a serious business between instructor and student (all men students, too). But at "The Normal" I found a new and different atmosphere. One attended classes with women students, instructors were friendly and helpful, and there was a wonderful atmosphere about the whole thing that made one feel at ease. I visited in the homes of my instructors. Mr. Sudbury showed me around his farm and his many bee hives. Dr. Ford, Bill and I tried in vain to entice some bees into a hive one afternoon. The bees were very comfortably set up in one corner of the Ford residence and were hesitant about leaving. They are all memories now—Memories of Happier days. . .

It's a tremendous gap—Sixth grade classroom teacher at Newellton in 1940—Tactical Reconnaissance Group Operations and Plans Officer in Belgium in 1945. No one knows what lies ahead. But the past—those fond memories will linger on forever. "The Normal" and Natchitoches fill many pages in my book of memories.

Many thanks for the "Normal Alumni Columns." I sincerely feel that the five months I spent there in 1938 make me eligible to be called an alumnus of "The Normal."

Most Sincerely
"Jack" Poe
Edgar Allan Poe
Lieutenant Colonel, Air Corps

—N.S.C.—

Somewhere in the Philippines
APO 72
22 November 1944

Dear Prof.,

Having a helluva time; wish you were here. Since I wrote you last I've been on some little trip. A short stay in the New Guinea campaign, and now the Philippines. Things have rather quieted down at the present, but for a while we really had it hot here. The first day we were here, the Japs raided us with 10 or fifteen planes. We saw about ten of them shot down—the news report says that they were all shot down. But you probably know more about the news that I do. The communiques we get here come direct from San Francisco by short wave. The printed news sheets are at least three days old, and we learn much more news by the grapevine than by official messages.

The weather here is really rotten. For the past three days, there has been rain almost continuously—an hour or so between downpours. For a while there was rain in the day and clear skies at night, which wasn't good for sleep, because the Japs found it was a good time to bomb this area. We wade mud anywhere up to six inches. The other morning, while on the way to breakfast, one fellow stepped in a foxhole that was completely filled—the water was standing all around, so we just waded it. . . .

While reading some football scores today, I was reminded

of the good games we used to have. . . . You know, in a minor sort of way, this war takes the place of the sports we all love so much. In peace time, it's the other way, I guess. But the other morning when two of our fighter planes were after a Zero, the Zero had about a mile or more lead, we were all standing up, or jumping up and down shouting "Get that —," and when the fighters caught up with him, shot him down in flames, we let out a cheer just as if our team had made a touchdown.

Got a promotion the other day. They made me Technician Fifth grade. I appreciate the raise in pay, some 20 bucks or so, but there's little we can use it for here. Except for laundry, I don't think I've spent any money in two months.

If you can pass a little information my way about the old school, I'd appreciate it. Haven't heard much lately.

Pruett

T/5 John A. Pruett

—N.S.C.—

9 Nov. 1944
Germany

Dear Leroy:

Today we had a big snow—The weather has favored old Hitler all this year. But that's all that favors him.

I was recently in a big Germany city, or what was a city. It got the works. Not quite so bad as St. Lo but almost that bad. It's a wreck.

One day last week I took a short cut between two of my towns and came under enemy artillery (observation). My driver and I got four rounds of artillery fire pitched at us. We were headed up a hill and increased our speed from 10 to 40 M.P.H. At 40 I started to hop out and run. for that seemed too d— slow.

Regards,
Bill (Lt. W. J. Dodd)

—N.S.C.—

Mariana Islands
December 14, 1944

Dear Mr. Miller,

There are a few times in a man's life when something happens to him; some experience, some word, a letter perhaps, that always leaves an impression that he will never forget. That is what happened to me when I received the September issue of the Normal Alumni Columns.

At first I thought, "Now what is this?" Then I recognized the picture on the cover and almost immediately I forgot that I was 8,000 miles from home, forgot the "C" & "K" rations, forgot the mud, the rain and the mosquitoes. For fully an hour I was absorbed in happy memories of times gone by.

It was the list of those missing in action and those prisoners of war, that touched my heart very deeply; they are all friends of mine. I realized then that I had no right to complain of a few little hardships when those boys were just waiting for the time when they could once again be home with those who are waiting for them.

For those who have given their life, I find it hard to believe they are gone; they were all men of such fine character and ability, that I know their loss can never quite be replaced. God must need fine young men in his plan of things, as he always seems to take the best of them. My only hope is that we will not let that for which they have given their life be lost.

Dr. Farrar's address was splendid and brought out that which we all must feel. The 1942 L.I.C. Champs brought back many happy moments that I have spent. The Men and Women in the Service made a person realize that the wild younger generation, as we have so often been called, can

when the occasion demands, be the leadership and the backbone of the whole armed forces, the men who follow.

Reading letters in "Out of the Mail Bag" gave me the much desired personal contact with the classmates whom once I knew so personally. It was nice to read down the list of names in the directory and once again recognize the names and recall the faces of those I once knew so well.

This island is but a small dot on your map of the world, but right now to the 50th. Seabees and myself, it is a very important little dot. If Tojo could stand where I am now and see what we are preparing for him, he would not wait, but commit "hara kiri" right where he stood.

I cannot stop without saying something of the Seabees and the men who make it what it is. It is a great organization, made up of men from all walks of life, men who have the convictions and the courage to back them up. It is a new branch of the service and very little is known of it or their work, yet I am giving you any Marine as reference. I believe they will gain their much deserved recognition from Lt. (jg) William B. Huie's book, "Can Do."

I wish to congratulate you and everyone responsible for such a splendid publication. I am enclosing one dollar for my year's subscription.

I would like very much to thank you personally for including my name on your list, as my appreciation is very great. I am looking forward to the next copy with great anticipation.

Sincerely,
Ludlow McNeely

—N.S.C.—

Nov. 18, 1944

Hello, Mr. Miller,

Well, here I am in England, sipping tea and wishing I was back in the States. We had a nice trip over and have been taking in the small towns near camp. This English money system nearly drove me nuts at first, but now I have just about mastered the three pence, six pence, shilling, half-crown, and pounds. However, I cannot get used to driving on the left hand side of the road.

I hope that I can find some of the boys from Normal. If you have the addresses of any of our boys, please send them to me. . . .

As ever,
Mac (Sgt. C. M. McSwain)

—N.S.C.—

Anaheim, California
Nov. 6, 1944

Dear Mr. Miller:

I have just received my issue of the "Alumni Columns," and I have enjoyed reading it very much. It has been quite some time since I was a student at Normal—1940 to be exact—but those years I count as three of my best years.

I have been discharged from the army and I plan to return to Normal in Jan. At the time I was discharged I was a 1st Sgt. in the 527th AAA Aw Bn., Btry. "D". Most of you won't know it by that name, but rather you will remember it by Btry "H", 204th CAC, the old Natchitoches National Guard unit. Yes, the old outfit has a new name and all but 10 new faces, but the memories of La. and Natchitoches go with it always. Such names as: Thomas Baker, Joe D. Kimball, J. D. Boston, Wade McFarland, and Sam Aaron will keep the memory of Normal and the old Btry. living. Yes, Mr. Miller, after four long years the home boys have been transferred all over the world. If you recall when the Natchitoches unit went into Federal service, 65 students, former students or graduates of L.S.N.C. went with it. Those men have done well in the service of their country. About 50

have been commissioned officers in the greatest army in the world, and others like myself have reached the highest rate an enlisted man can get in the army.

Mr. Miller, I am sending you the correct address of Allen Aymond, Clayton Brunson, and Steve Brown.

Again I want to thank you for the publication, and I hope to be back at Normal in Jan. At present I am in Calif., but my correct address will be:

Leonard O. Nichols
122 Kathryn Street
Alexandria, La.

Until then, sincerely,
L. O. Nichols

—N.S.C.—

Central Pacific
November 26, 1944

Dear Mr. Miller,

I have just received two copies of the "Columns" and am just about the happiest fellow in my company. When I get a few minutes off, the first thing I reach for is one of these books. I really appreciate them because of the reminders of such a swell place and also I learn the whereabouts of the boys of '41 and '42. Most of the boys are doing swell and are a good representative of our "good school." Since being overseas, it hasn't been my luck to meet any of the Normal boys although some of them must be nearby. I am hoping to be seeing them before very long.

We are likely to be out here for quite a while but I think you can depend on all the boys to do their parts. . . .

Give my regards to Dr. Farrar, Coach Prather, and Coach Turpin.

I remain,
Herley Tripp

—N.S.C.—

Netherlands East Indies
January 10, 1945

Hello Coach,

Well I can't tell you how much I enjoyed your letter. . .

I try to remember what I liked to hear from someone overseas when I was in the States when I write back there, but can't, so I try to mention some things of interest (none of it interests me). Being in an A.A.A. Battery, we are somewhat disconnected from our men. We see them each day on our tour of checking up. I am living in a tent with a floor, have cots to sleep on, and a shower made from an aeroplane gas tank. It's awfully hot here and rains some, but not enough. Up until now, we have thoroughly enjoyed the air raids and we have had plenty of them. Here lately they have dropped bombs too close to me. Two times a week, I've found myself in a foxhole without my clothes. Yes, a bomb falling doesn't make a moon lit night very romantic. And a good many times, I have experienced a feeling in my stomach that used to be present when I was waiting for the opening kick off. We are not, as individuals, in much danger, but a bomb has no eyes, and the smart man doesn't play his luck. He just gets in a fox hole, most of the casualties from raids are from those that play their luck.

Our extra-curricula activities consist of numerous picture shows. Sometimes they show an entire show without the machine breaking down, but mostly we have stops. Theaters are built anywhere with ration boxes for seats, quite primitive, but yet we enjoy them. We can tell by looking at the actors when they say something funny, so we laugh whether we hear it or not. Volley ball is very popular here; soft ball is played when we are fortunate enough to get a park. Horse shoe pitching, as well as ping-pong, is popular. But the old

Egyptian game of Chance has more participants than any other. . .

One of my privileges, or I should say duties, is to censor mail for 64 men. I can assure you if as much mail came this way as goes to the states, the post office department will be hauling mail two years after the war is over.

Well, all of us are not fatalists. We are looking forward to returning home, and I want to go to the Shreveport Fair and watch Normal play a game of football with Billie Parker carrying the chain. I'd like to, well—er—maybe I would be like I was the last game I saw. I was awfully interested, but somehow, a touchdown was made that I never knew about until I looked at the score board.

Tell Prof. Miller, Nelken, Fournet, and the others, hello and don't forget Joe Webb. I think I have much to thank you and them for. I have met very few real men since my school days. I'm always glad to hear from anyone at Nat-chitoches.

Bill James
(Lt. U. S. Army)

—N.S.C.—

Somewhere in Belgium
16 Sept. 44

Dear Mr. Miller:

Glad indeed to hear from you. It took about as long for your letter to reach me as did mine to get to you. . . .

I did receive the "Campus Life" after we were in France. We made the initial invasion and had no mail for some time. I enjoyed it and appreciate your being kind enough to send it.

To say something of France, it is a beautiful country, somewhat torn up in spots, which is to be expected, but still a sight worth seeing. People were really glad to see us, and we could get most anything they had. Belgium is much like France.

There has been some rough going, but they can't stop such an army as we have. I am glad to be up here where things can and do happen. We are looking forward to a quick end now.

By the way, my baby "bud" is starting to college there this fall. I am sure he will like it.

I will pass the word on to Harrison. I am always glad to hear from you.

Sincerely,
Henry C. Willis

—N.S.C.—

Somewhere in the South Pacific
December 18, 1944

Dear Coach,

Just a few lines tonight to let you know that I'm doing fine, and believe it or not—I'm not gaining any weight, which reminds me, yesterday, I walked aboard an APC and who should be the executive officer on it, but Tom George—almost as fat as I am, and did I kid him. I had a cup of "jamoke" (coffee) with him and talked over the good ole La. Normal days. We both agreed on that subject. We could sure go for another 4 or 5 years of that life. Being a little older, we both feel that we could do a better job in every way at good ole Normal today. I was always thought of as being young, but these years are going by fast. In just two months, it will be three years since I packed my gear and left school.

How was the team this year? I only heard the score of one game and we won that one. I hope the rest were that way also. Regardless of their outcome, I know you were in there pitching, so why worry about the scores.

I'm still looking for some souvenirs for you, and as soon as I get them, I'll send them along. I've been on the move ever since I left the states and haven't had much time. I completed my job of delivering the VTB I was on and now am on a new ship. I reported yesterday, and from all indications, I'm going to like it fine.

It looks as if it will be two years more before I can get back to the states, but believe you me, I'll walk into your office not long after I do return.

Give Mr. Miller my regard; also, Dr. Farrar and the others.

Also give Mr. Miller my change of address and tell him that I'll drop him a line soon. Keep that news letter coming and also the Alumni publication. It is good to hear of all the boys and what they're doing.

Must close and get this in the mail. My regards to Mrs. Turpin and Jane.

As always,
Gaspard
(Lt. (jg) James P. Gaspard)

—N.S.C.—

Somewhere in Belgium
January 7, 1945

Hello Coach,

Received your letter this afternoon and was certainly glad to hear from you.

Had a pair of wooden shoes to send you from Holland, but have lost them in the rush.

We were in France at the time the Germans broke through and they didn't waste any time in getting us back up to the front. We're still doing a good job as always.

A day or so ago, things were pretty hot, but have cooled off a bit at the present time.

We're now in quite a bit of snow and ice which makes it darn cold.

I was made First Sgt. of Service Co. a few weeks back, in fact just before we came in to stop the German push.

Was in Paris for two days right after coming back from the Holland front. Really had a swell time there. It just didn't last long enough.

Hope to hear from you again in the very near future.

Your old friend,
Joe Miciotto

—N.S.C.—

Copy of letter recieved from Cpl. Al Hughes of the Marines by Coach Harry Turpin

Somewhere in The Pacific
11-5-44

Hi Coach:

I received a copy of the Alumni Magazine several days ago, and I can truthfully say it was like a letter from home. I took great pleasure in reading about the pleasures and troubles of some of my fellow students. I haven't been as lucky as some of them; by that I mean running into some of the fellows over here. It's no place to meet old friends, but if I ever do, I imagine we'll have quite a bit of "Scuttle-but" to give out with.

I'm glad to hear that you are to have a team this season. I wish you all the luck in the world, and the pleasure would be all mine if you could send me some of the scores. Since I've been out here, I've seen and learned some things which make me determined, more than ever, to finish my college education. I hope some day that I can enter college at Normal again.

Quoting McDermott, "These little brown fellows do play for keeps," and it's no place to put your marbles in the ring,

if you aren't figuring on playing for keeps yourself. This is where the PERFECT TEAM WORK really counts, the same as in winning football games.

Well, Coach, certain elements prevent me writing further. I would like very much to hear from you. I would like to thank Mr. Miller for sending me the Alumni Columns, and, if he would, to continue to do so. . .

Forever grateful,
Hughes

—N.S.C.—

Lake Charles, Louisiana
November 30, 1944

Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for your prompt answer to my appeal to find me a teacher . . . I started work here at the American Press office yesterday.

News? Well, I don't know whether this is news or not, but it is an interesting item I picked up on the bus returning to Lake Charles from Monroe, Monday.

Nellie Bryan Miller, who finished Northwestern in 1941, is now a WAC, stationed in San Francisco, after teaching for about three years in Vernon and Eros. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Bryan, and she has a sister now in school at Northwestern, Johnnie Lee Bryan.

This may not be newsy either, but Lake Charles and surrounding territory claim a bumper Northwestern crop this season: Ruby Elkins, Margery Buatt, and Gloria Bernard at Central Grammar; Edith Slaydon, Nell Kendrick, Melva Mason Ash, Jimmy Mims Rains, Mary Mims at La Grange School; Gretchen McLean and Helen Hinson at Westlake; Louella Brown at Gillis; Marian Lindsay at Bell City; Fifi Modica at Southwest Louisiana Trade School; Catherine Frazier at the Government Trade School at Crowley; and I the unteacherly one of the lot—here at the American Press. Oh, I almost forgot, Ida Belle Winegeart is at the Southern Pacific Railway office.

Mrs. Nancy Greenwood, 1015 Twelfth Street, Lake Charles, a Northwestern graduate and former proofreader here at the Press, is anxious to have the Alumni Columns sent to her.

Wishing you the best of luck, I would like to express again my appreciation of the Alumni Columns and of your efforts to get me a replacement.

Sincerely,
Grace King

—N.S.C.—

October 22, 1944

Hello Coach,

How's things down La. Normal way? Swell, I hope. Here, okay, but lots of rain and I do mean lots of it, every day. I think I'll float off sometimes.

I really enjoy getting your letters. It's good to hear from you, the boys, and the old "N" hill. I really like to get everything possible I can to make old memories come back again. Thanks for what you have sent.

Guess who I saw in London once! Bama Wright—and was I surprised. We talked over old times and looked part of the city over. It surely has gone through lots.

"Dynamite" is in France. Ernie Tyler is in Italy and I got a letter from "Punjab" Wright in the Southwest Pacific and he'd like Demon life much better. Could you give me McDermott's address? I would like to write to him. Quite a group of the boys have been around, but I seem to miss out on seeing them. Don't get around much anymore.

We have a six-man football team here and I'm the coach. Ha! Ha! We've won all the games so far. The name of the

team is the Derails. We have a couple of real hard games in the finals. We hope to win the Group Championship. I'm supposed to play on the Third Division regular eleven man football when they start—if I have time. I went out for track and won several seconds in the 220, but last time by a nose. Did all my training at the meet. Ha! Ha! Had to run once, barefooted and won first place.

I'll have to close and get some needed sack time.

Just,
Zolon (Stiles)

—N.S.C.—

304 Marine Building
217 Carondelet Street
New Orleans, Louisiana
December 13, 1944

Dear Mr. Miller:

The job I have is the busiest non-combatant job in the United States Army! Due to the many activities in which recruiters have to participate, I feel that I will be a qualified salesman when all of this is over. Experience gained selling an "intangible" should make any other selling a walk-over.

It was good to hear from you and I wish that I could comply with your request for a picture. I have not had any photographs made (camera shy, I suppose); however, I have enclosed a kodak picture which you might be able to use.

Janis Gibbens sent me her copy of the Alumni Columns so it will not be necessary for you to send a copy. I devoured the contents eagerly and feel, again, a part of the great institution.

I have attached a few brief facts relative to my military life which you may use if you like.

The old Normal has yielded place to the new. Many changes have taken place—now, the name, too has been changed, but it isn't the name that matters so much. It's the record that supports the name.

Best wishes for a happy Christmas and a bright New Year!

Sincerely,
Clarice A. Timmerman

—N.S.C.—

Somewhere in India
September 11, 1944

Dear Mr. Miller,

I have just received a copy of the Alumni Columns (my first) and it is needless to say how much I appreciate it. There's nothing that gives me any greater pleasure than to read about my old Alma Mater, L.S.N.C., where I spent two years of studying before Uncle Sam stepped in.

I haven't yet had the good fortune of meeting up with any former Normalities since I've left the school over a year ago. Being over in a place like this really makes one appreciate the swell times he had back there while going to school.

Give my regards to the faculty and students and I am hoping to be with you again in the near future.

Sincerely,
Clinton R. Dobson

—N.S.C.—

Camp Pinedale, California
November 14, 1944

Dear Mr. Miller:

It's about time to drop you a line and thank you for the publications. I have enjoyed the Columns more than I could

ever say in words. I read them through several times. The list of all the fellows was something all of us enjoyed, I am sure, as I had wondered myself, where all the fellows were.

I received the copies of the Current Sauce and really did appreciate them. Has been quite some time since I saw one.

I am enclosing notes about Gordon Robertson, who went to Normal some time ago. Also enclosed \$1.00 for his subscription to the Columns as he has asked me about it several times in his letters.

Tell Mr. Morrison, Mr. Easley, Miss Allen, and everybody hello for me.

I think the change from Normal to Northwestern is really a good thing; in fact, I'm all for it and I'm sure everybody is.

I have shipped out since my last letter and my new address is:

10th Radio Mobile Detachment
Camp Pinedale
Fresno, California

Thanks again for the publications.

Sincerely,
James H. Garrett

—N.S.C.—

Somewhere on Johnston Island
December 6, 1944

Hello Coach,

This morning I received "The Normal Alumni Columns." I sure was proud to get it; after all this is the first news I have had about Louisiana State Normal since I left.

Well, Coach, I don't know whether you remember me or not, but I hope you do. It has been four years since I was in school. I hope to be back there after the war is over. I think I have enough sense now to settle down and study like a guy ought to and really learn something. I also think I have four good years of football left in me, at least I think so. While playing freshman ball back in '41, I only weighed 155 pounds and I weigh 180 now. Sure would love to get back in shape and keep the weight I have and play a little more football for LSNC.

Well, Coach, I will sign off now and I hope to hear from you in the near future.

Sincerely,
Fred Clay

—N.S.C.—

Copy of letter received from Lt. (jg) James D. Bogan from the Pacific Area.

October 20, 1944

Dear Mr. Miller:

I have been intending to write you for some time. I received the Normal Alumni Columns which I enjoyed very much. Shortly afterward, my address changed and I never did get around to sending you my new address.

Every so often I feel homesick for good old Normal Hill. When I do, I get out my old copy of the "Alumni Columns" and read it through again. . .

I am sorry to say that I can not let out with much news as our censorship regulations are very strict. I hope to be back in the States one of these days and I promise to drop around for a little chat. I assure you that I will never forget the important things that are happening.

I have not been fortunate enough to meet many of my old friends from Normal lately. The last normalite I saw was Lt. James Tassin about six months ago. He and Tom Schwalm are the only Navy fliers that I have run across. Tom and I went through training together, but I have not seen him since. I keep my eyes open looking for some one

from Normal. It seems that they are pretty well scattered.

I wish that you would give my address to anyone who may ask for it. I will answer any letter as promptly as I can. With the limited amount of time we have, it is sometimes difficult to answer letters at once. Mail is always welcome on the fighting front. It is the greatest morale builder of them all. . .

Sincerely,
James D. Bogan

—N.S.C.—

Lawrence Park
Erie, Pennsylvania
3703 Main Street

Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for placing me on the subscription list for the Alumni Columns.

To answer your question as to who I was before I became Mrs. Hughes—I graduated from Northwestern in 1942 as Ethel Texie Cooper from Harrisonburg, Louisiana. On December 28, 1943, in Monroe, Louisiana, I was married to Corporal Boyd Hughes, from Erie, Pennsylvania; now in the U. S. Air Corps. At present I am employed as X-ray technician for the General Electric Company here in Erie.

Believe me, Mr. Miller, The Alumni Columns does a lot to make anyone far away from home, quite homesick and at the same time happy as it brings back memories of days gone by.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Boyd Hughes

—N.S.C.—

Letter from Lt. (jg) Charles Almond Martin, Pacific Fleet.

January 1, 1945

Dear Mr. Miller:

The September issue of The Normal Alumni Columns that you sent to Tucson got there just after I was transferred; yet, it has followed me on out here. I was glad to receive it. I'm always glad to recall my days on Normal Hill. Some of my best were among them.

My duty is on a fleet oiler and it's not a glamour ship; nor does it swing around a bunch of Long Toms for a broadside at the Jap fleet. Still at the time, it is classed as a combat ship because it's right there with the life blood of the big boys that answer for it.

Charlie

—N.S.C.—

Letter received by Coach Turpin from S/Sgt. K. C. James.

Somewhere in Italy, 1945.

Coach:

I just flat give up. I have kept my eyes open and gone far out of my way, but to find one of those Demons mentioned in your letter, I can not! Been expecting to bump into "Blub" or Carlin any day, but the pleasure hasn't arrived as yet. . .

From this letter you had a none too successful season, but I notice one thing—you seemed very pleased with all the boys' efforts, so that is something.

The war has spread over quite a bit of territory for me. Went to Southern France on the Invasion, had our "DO" (English vernacular) far into the north of that country; then came back here in Italy to help push the Jerries back. Quite an adventurous trek. I wish I were allowed to write all about it.

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Was on temporary duty in Alexandria, Egypt, for ten days lately, and had nineteen days Detached Service at one of France's largest cities. Never get tired of jumping about, seemingly, Well, we do, but it must be done.

Remember how we laughed at the commentators' way back in the Spring of '41, when they said: "This war may last until 1945"? It has become a reality—and I'll be twenty-five years old tomorrow. That's old, you know it?

Have a bit of task to perform, so . . .

Sincerely,
Kay C. James (Popeye)

—N.S.C.—

Admiralty Islands
December 27, 1944

Dear Mr. Miller,

Just received the September edition of "The Normal Alumni Columns" and really appreciate it.

Have been out of the States nine months now. Part of this time in New Guinea and the rest here in the Admiralties. I can assure you we didn't have a white Christmas. I would be afraid to try to guess how hot it was.

Give my regards to Coach Turpin.

Sincerely yours,
D. L. Williamson S1 'c

—N.S.C.—

Somewhere in England
December 22, 1944

Dear Coach:

Guess football season is over now and you have a little more time off. I know you worked hard this year with the team you had, since you had so many inexperienced men and had no help.

Coach Prather should be wearing out another suit, sliding up and down the bench. Tell him I said hello, and will be pulling for him.

I'm in hopes of seeing "Bama" soon; sure would love to run across some of the boys. . .

As always,
Larry Townsend

—N.S.C.—

Burma
October 29, 1944

Dear Coach,

Just a few lines to let you hear from me. I am okay and hope that you are the same. I received your letter a few days ago. I saw where Migues was a visitor on the campus. I guess he told you what kind of a place this is.

Thanks a lot for the schedule that you sent me. I guess that you are well under way with your team by now. I hope you are winning all the games.

Do you ever hear from Blub Miller and Chachere? You never did say in your letters where they were. I tried to get in touch with Migues. Every place that I went, he wasn't there. I didn't know his address. I saw his picture in the paper and he looked like the same old boy. He really did a good job while he was over here. Is it turning cold back there yet? It's cold at night and hot in the day time, here. It used to rain very much, but it doesn't anymore.

I'm the assistant mess sergeant and I was promoted to Sgt. the first of the month. I like the kitchen pretty good. The good part about it is that you can get anything to eat anytime you want it. But we really have to have the place clean for inspection.

Well, this may be the last time I will have an opportunity

to write for some time. Looks like we will be on our way again soon. Maybe when we get out this time, we will get to come home. I hope so. Being away from home isn't much fun.

Well, it is getting late and time for the lights to go out. So I will close for this time. If I ever get a chance to get any souvenirs, I will send them to you. Answer soon.

Sincerely,
Maddry
(Sgt. John R. Maddry)

—N.S.C.—

December 9, 1944

Hi Coach,

Received mail today for the first time in over two months and from the looks of things, the old school has changed. So it's Northwestern now. Well, what do you know? Good name. I like it, although it'll be very hard to get used to it.

Too bad you couldn't beat SLI for homecoming, but there is always next year. How many boys will be back with you, or is anything that definite?

We have been having it pretty easy lately. Yesterday we went ashore and really looked this place over. I tried to find Sweeney and some of the boys, but no soap. Haven't seen anyone I know yet, but am still hoping. Was lucky enough to go swimming in good old fresh water and even saw a couple of girls. White ones at that (nurses).

How is duck season this year? Getting your usual quota? Boy, what I wouldn't give to be back there for the holidays. Mercy!

Coach, do you have Carl Benton's present address? If so I would appreciate it if you'd send it to me. Also would like to be put on the Current Sauce mailing list.

What kind of basketball team do we have this year? Best wishes for a successful season.

My regards to Mrs. Turpin and the girls.

Sincerely,
Vige (Ens. John A. Vige)

—N.S.C.—

England
October 22, 1944

Dear Coach,

Your letter came yesterday. Sure was glad to get it. Have been thinking that I would write you, but for some reason, I never did get around to it.

Have seen quite a bit of this country and hope to see more of some of the others soon. Some of what I have seen is very beautiful, and some of it really has taken a beating.

I sure was glad to get the schedule. You played SLI yesterday. I heard that they have a very good team again this year. They should though, with the program they have.

So far, I haven't seen anyone from Normal, but I expect to before long. I think that most of them were here long before myself, and have gone to France.

Have been taking in the dog races since arriving here; it's lots of fun. My dog always comes in last. Sure have some beautiful dogs. Maybe I will get a winner before I leave this country.

I'm very glad to hear that some of the boys that have been away so long got leaves and are back in the states. Wish that others could do likewise.

So far, we have done very little since arriving. There is so much to do before you really start doing something. I think that we are almost ready now. I hope so, anyway.

Would like very much to send you a souvenir, but there have been so many Yanks ahead of me, that there is nothing left. Hope to find something before always.

I hear from Johnnie almost every week. From the way he writes, I'm sure that he is somewhere close to Paris.

Will say again that I enjoyed your letter very much and that I'm looking forward to getting your October letter.

Hope that you have a very good season and that all the boys will be home before another season starts.

Sincerely,
Clint (Little Jack)
(Lt. Clinton Jackson)

—N.S.C.—

October 12, 1944

Dear Coach,

Guess you thought I had forgotten you, but I haven't. I was just waiting to get completely settled first.

How is the football team by now? Sure would like to be there to do my little part to help. Here's hoping you have lots of success. Let me know all about things there now.

I got a letter from Carlton and he is headed out this way. He is in the 5th Amphibious Corps too, so we might happen to get together before long. Haven't heard from Vige in a while. I still hear from Pat.

Can't tell you how things are so there isn't a thing to write except I'm doing fine. Write when you have time.

Your ex-player,
Henry Bollicr

—N.S.C.—

Somewhere in New Guinea
December 7, 1944

Dear Coach,

I suppose basketball is getting underway by now. I'm anxious to get the poop sheets for October and November to see how your football season came out.

It didn't take me long to come over. Flew our plane over.

Missed seeing Elton Kelly while I was in the Hawaiian Islands. Didn't have much time.

I have a lot of fun trading with the natives. All I've been able to trade for is Jap money and shells; I think they always get the best end of the deal.

My APO has changed so it will screw up my mail for a while.

I believe this country is as hot as "Death Valley," not as nice, though.

As ever,
J. D. Thompson

—N.S.C.—

December 30, 1944

Dear Coach,

Have been transferred again so will send my address. Don't like to miss out on your letters. They do a lot toward keeping me in touch with the rest of the boys.

Had one of the best surprises since I've been in the Navy when I ran into Ted Wright walking down the street in San Francisco. He and Eugene McElroy had just returned from the Pacific, so we had a Normal reunion. They were around for about a week waiting for orders and then both went home for 30 days leave. Seemed just like old times to have those two around again.

I am here in San Bruno going through some training which is to last for about six weeks.

I saw the results of football in your last letter and could see the season was a success after that 0-0 tie with Tech. Hope you are able to get athletics started again at school because it just doesn't seem like school if there aren't athletics going on.

Give my regards to Coach Prather and Prof. Nelken.
Sincerely,
Starnes (C. L.)

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Cupid's Doings

(Continued from Page 6)

Gaar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Gaar of Dodson, to Stanley Ferguson, radioman, third class, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Ferguson of Shreveport. The wedding took place on December 20.

Mrs. Ferguson, a graduate of Northwestern State, is now employed as home demonstration agent of La Salle Parish, while Mr. Ferguson is in the U. S. Navy and has returned to New York City for reassignment after having served overseas for 14 months.

—N.S.C.—

On Saturday, October 7, in the post chapel at Liberal, Kansas, the former Miss Elizabeth Bozeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Bozeman of Montgomery, was married to Lt. Lonnie V. Duncleman, son of Mrs. Leo Duncleman of Natchitoches. The young couple will make their home in Liberal, Kansas, where Lt. Duncleman is stationed.

—N.S.C.—

Major and Mrs. Lynn B. Hughes have announced the arrival of Lynn Burk Hughes, Jr., at Camp Lee, Virginia, on September 26. Mrs. Hughes is the former Beverly Dumestre of Metairie, a former student at the College.

—N.S.C.—

Miss Leah Jane Otberg (A.B. '43) of Crowley, was married to Lt. Ivan K. Black of Birmingham, Alabama, Thanksgiving evening, in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The bride has been a member of the Hot Springs City Schools faculty since the beginning of the fall semester. Prior to that time she was a teacher in the Crowley High School. Lt. Black is a graduate of the University of Alabama. They will make their home in Birmingham.

—N.S.C.—

Lt. Ellis A. Wallenberg, Army Air Forces, and Miss Betty Jo Overton, Yeoman, Third Class, WAVES, were married on December 23, 1944, in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Washington, D. C. Lt. Wallen-

berg is the son of Mrs. J. O. Spillman of Cloutierville, and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Overton, Parkersburg, West Virginia. The bride is stationed in Washington, and the groom has just recently been assigned to the Pacific, where he is a P-47 pilot.

—N.S.C.—

Miss Ouida Mae Shelton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Shelton of Mansfield, and Mr. Grady Milton Spurgeon were married in Baton Rouge on February 18. The bride, a graduate of the College, has been a member of the Pelican High School faculty for several years. The groom, a graduate in engineering at Tulane, is associated with an oil company in New Orleans, where the couple are making their home.

—N.S.C.—

Miss Hilda Leigh Gatlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mitchell Gatlin of McDade, and William Douglas Lowery, Chief Radioman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Baylis Nathaniel Lowery of Haughton, were married on March 2 at the First Methodist Church, Haughton. After a short wedding trip, the bride will return to her duties as teacher in the Haughton High School, while the groom is being assigned to enter radio technical school in Chicago, after having returned from four years' duty in the Pacific area.

—N.S.C.—

ART EXHIBIT: Lt. and Mrs. Julian H. Stoker present a transcendent masterpiece in current progeniture—Unveiled at Minden Sanitarium, January 8, 1945. Subject: six pounds, eleven and three-fourths ounces, male child. Titled: MICHAEL SHAYNE STOKER. Co-Artists: JULIAN and GLORIA. Admission: Lowered voices, padded footsteps. Benefit: Society of Convalescence of Fathers. Now being shown at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. J. St. John. Not to Be Sold—Family Treasure.

—N.S.C.—

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Angle (formerly Miss Mary Joy Payne) are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a new

Angle, Perry Jr., on February 26. The father, who is stepping high these days trying to solve the intricacies of the new Angle, is a senior at the College, returning to complete his degree after having been discharged from service.

—N.S.C.—

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is a great game when everything goes just right, the work is most important before landings are made. His wife, the former Miss Lucy Helen Townsend, is living in Shreveport, and is employed by United Gas.

—N.S.C.—

Cpl. William E. Arie of Mansfield was wounded in action September 25, the second time since D-day, according to an announcement from the War Department. He is serving with an airborne regiment. He has been overseas since September, 1943, and has a brother, Pfc. Ralph L. Arie, U. S. Marines, in the Pacific.

—N.S.C.—

T Sgt. Paul J. Pratt has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters after flying more than 20 missions over enemy territory and shooting down a German plane. He has been overseas since November, 1943, and a prisoner of War in Germany since May, 1944. The awards were sent to his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Pratt of Natchitoches.

—N.S.C.—

A news release of January stated that Captain Virgil M. Box of the 10th Armored Division was awarded the Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual combat with the enemy. Captain Box, another officer, and an enlisted man observed a soldier clinging to a capsized boat which was rapidly being carried down a flooded river. They immediately rescued the nearly drowned soldier, brought him to shore, and crossed an enemy mine field in order to get him to safety.

For Our War Files

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